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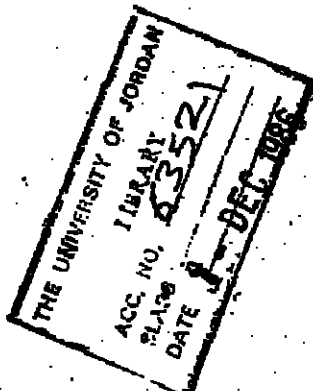
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VOA station may jam millions of birds

A hazard to the ecosystems of three continents is posed by the possible effects of emissions from the Voice of America relay station planned for the Arava on millions of migratory birds, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Ecologists fear that the internal navigation systems guiding the birds on their annual flights between Europe, Asia and Africa could be "jammed" by the powerful electromagnetic radiation from the VOA station which will be adjacent to the narrow "flyway" north of Eilat through which the birds funnel.

Conservationists from the Society for the Protection of Nature fear that there may also be physical damage to the birds from the emissions. If the predatory birds from much of Europe and West Asia passing through the Arava funnel are harmed in large numbers, this could have widespread effects on ecosystems since the birds, which eat rodents, are an important part of the food chain.

The station will reportedly be the most



(Nowitz)

powerful to be built outside the U.S. by the VOA. Its aim will be to penetrate Soviet jamming and reach audiences in Soviet Asia. A cluster of antennas 70 stories high will impose a dominant new physical reality on the Arava and constitute, environmentalists fear, a

major landscape blight.

Despite the powerful impact of the project, however, it has been accepted in principle by the government without any public debate, and even environmentalists are unaware of what its implications will be.

The plan is to be reviewed by the National Planning Council which theoretically can kill it. It did this once before when the Reading "D" electricity plant was proposed for Tel Aviv. The government at the time however, circumvented this action by pushing through special legislation in the Knesset authorizing the plant.

The agreement signed this week has also been criticized by officials in the Finance Ministry who say its terms are more suited to a Third World country than to one with Israel's technological sophistication. When a VOA transmission station was built in Britain, they noted, the entire job was left to the British.

The Society for the Protection of Nature has been pressing the Voice of America for in-

formation concerning the environmental impact of similar stations abroad. The agency has assured the society that there has been no damage to humans or animals in the vicinity of its stations. But it had no information to offer on the impact on migratory birds. Society officials say the Arava station is apparently the only one to be built along a major migratory route.

Although Environmental Impact Statements are required in the U.S. before facilities of this nature are permitted to be built, the VOA has apparently provided no such studies for its facilities abroad. An EIS is to be provided for the Arava facility by the special government unit created by the Communications Ministry to oversee its construction.

The lack of public reaction to the project is presumably due to almost total ignorance of its nature.

(For more on the controversial project, see pages 6 and 7)

Not the only issue

Peres: Taba pact within two weeks

By ROY ISACOWITZ
and Post Diplomatic Staff

Negotiations with Egypt over the Taba arbitration *compromis* should be concluded within the next "week or two," Prime Minister Peres told a combined meeting of the Labour Party's political bureau and its Knesset caucus last night.

Agreement had been reached on 95 per cent of the points in the arbitration agreement, Peres said. The outstanding 5 per cent, he said, "goes to prove that each side still wants to profit from the negotiations."

Looking to the post-Taba period, Peres said that Israel wanted to bring Egypt to the negotiating table on a variety of issues. Taba had been negotiated first, at the request of the Egyptians, but it was not the only outstanding issue.

Meanwhile, members of the Egyptian delegation yesterday expressed hope that the Israelis, scheduled to fly to Cairo next week, would advance their arrival to the beginning of the week in order to save time.

In Jerusalem, differences of opinion have emerged between the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry on how to proceed with the arbitration *compromis*.

The Prime Minister's Office wants the agreement initialled and then brought before the cabinet for discussion. But Foreign Ministry officials say that the initialling was only recently decided on, to allow Vice President George Bush to partici-

pate in the ceremony. Since the chances of initialling the *compromis* while he is in the region are slim, they argue, the agreement should be brought to the cabinet for approval without initialling.

Delegations from Israel, Egypt and the U.S. yesterday visited Taba. The Israelis pointed out from a hill-top an imaginary demarcation line running through a dry river bed, which would leave the area in dispute in Israel's possession. The Egyptians, similarly, pointed out their imaginary demarcation line, which would put most of Taba, except its northernmost part, in Egyptian hands.

The delegations then flew over the area in two helicopters belonging to the Multinational Force in Sinai. Israeli delegates were surprised to find a stick placed on a hilltop, along the Egyptian demarcation line. The Israelis protested and the stick was quickly removed, but not before an Egyptian apology that the demarcation was made in good faith.

The delegations met yesterday afternoon to discuss different methods of demarcating the border. The Egyptians proposed that the borders be based on aerial photographs, and the Israelis proposed a combination of aerial photographs, demarcation points on the ground, and maps.

This composite approach is favoured by Israel as a way of getting around the Egyptian refusal to allow Israel to include in the annex of the *compromis* a map of the area dating back to 1906, on which Israel bases its stand.

Bush, in Jordan, seeking formula for direct talks

AMMAN. — U.S. Vice President George Bush told Jordanian officials yesterday that Washington favoured face-to-face talks between Jordan and Israel but would support any formula that brought the two countries to the negotiating table, a top U.S. official said.

The official, who briefed reporters on Bush's talks in Amman, said the U.S. was aware of the difficulty Jordan had in agreeing to face-to-face talks.

"We don't oversimplify the problem that Jordan faces in contemplating direct talks, and whatever formulation can be developed for those talks acceptable to both sides, we certainly would support," the official said.

The official declined to say what formulas were being considered.

He said that during Bush's meeting yesterday with Prime Minister Zayd al-Rifai, "We were struck by the strength of the prime minister's feeling of the need for Jordan to demonstrate its support for the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza."

Al-Rifai, in the 75-minute session with Bush, repeated his country's

preference for talks under international auspices.

Petra, the official Jordanian news agency, quoted Rifai as telling Bush "There can be no permanent solution of the Middle East issues except through an international conference under UN auspices."

The talks appeared to continue a long-distance debate that began with Bush's suggestion in Israel on Tuesday that direct talks between King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Peres would be "a next logical step" in the search for a Middle East peace.

The proposal was rebuffed by Hussein who insisted he would talk to Israel only if he was accompanied by appropriate Palestinian representatives — a posture also repeated yesterday by al-Rifai, a senior U.S. official told reporters.

Today Bush visits Jordan's Um Qais military observation post on the common borders of Jordan, Israel and Syria, from where he will get a view of the strategic Golan Heights region.

Bush winds up his 10-day Middle East tour August 5 in Cairo. (AP, Reuters)

Ten die in car crash

By DAVID RUDGE

AFULA. — Nine pupils from Kibbutz Hefziba and the driver of their van were killed yesterday late afternoon when the van collided head-on with a truck on the Ta'anach road between here and Jenin. The pupils were returning home from summer camp in Palmachim.

Another pupil is in Kupat Holim's Emek Hospital with serious injuries. The van was flung into the air by the impact, and burst into flames

after hitting a tree, trapping its driver and passengers inside.

After dousing the flames, rescue teams removed the charred bodies from the debris and rushed them and the person who was seriously wounded to hospital.

The truck's driver escaped with only slight injuries, but was in severe shock.

Police say the truck apparently swerved and collided with the oncoming van. Another 50 children

were in a bus behind the van.

Relatives were attempting to identify the deceased last night.

In Tel Aviv, Menachem Leon, 38, an Egged cashier, was crushed to death yesterday between two buses at the central bus station.

In Deir Hanna, Mohammed Mustafa was killed by a tractor that slipped off a truck as it was being unloaded. Police are looking for the truck driver, who ran from the scene.

Sanctions against S. Africa likely

LONDON (Reuters). — Britain could be on the verge of arranging international support for limited measures against South Africa despite the cabinet's decision yesterday to back Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's firm stand against sanctions, political sources said.

On a day of confusing developments in London over the South African crisis, the sources said it was probable that British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe would seek backing from the U.S. and Japan for

the measures already agreed by the European Community.

In Washington, a key U.S. Senate panel yesterday defeated two Democratic attempts to stiffen a Republican bill imposing moderate sanctions against South Africa, delaying final action on an anti-apartheid bill until next week.

President Reagan is strongly opposed to punitive economic sanctions against South Africa but has not ruled out limited measures to prod the white-led Pretoria govern-

ment into dismantling apartheid.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee was to have voted yesterday on a moderate sanctions package proposed by its chairman, Indiana Republican Richard Lugar. But so many amendments were offered from both Democrats and Republicans that Lugar scheduled another session for today and a final vote was not expected until Monday.

Although Howe and senior Thatcher aides went out of their way

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A final 'no' to Post reporter

Bumped by Amman

By WOLFF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The Jordanian government, reversing an earlier decision, has officially informed me that I will not be allowed to enter Jordan to cover Vice President George Bush's visit.

"I am deeply sorry to tell you that you are not permitted to enter Jordan at this time," an official of the Jordanian Information Ministry told me in a telephone call from Amman late on Wednesday.

The official, who identified himself only as Dr. Mazdin, refused to answer my repeated questions seeking an explanation for this decision. "These are the instructions that I have," he said.

Only minutes earlier, Martin Fitzwater, Bush's press secretary, had called me from Amman to say that I was welcome to join the press contingent there. "You have a right to be here," he said. "We want you to come."

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'Dollarization' fades as shekel flexes muscles

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter
Today marks the beginning of the strong shekel. If everything develops as the Bank of Israel expects, inflation will go down to a steady 5 per cent a year. In a few months, prices may no longer be quoted in dollars.

Bank of Israel officials say that from now on increases in Israel's consumer price index will comprise "imported" inflation, coming from increases in prices from goods abroad, plus a residual of "home-made inflation," amounting to 3 to 4 per cent annually. Since the average inflation in the countries whose currencies comprise the new basket is

roughly 2 per cent annually, Israel can look forward to an annual inflation figure of 5 to 6 per cent.

The economy yesterday received with relative calm the announcement that the shekel would no longer be pegged to the dollar, as it has been for the past year, but to a basket of five major currencies—the dollar, the Deutschmark, the pound sterling, the French franc and the yen. In part it was due to the fact that the black market, the stock exchange and the man in the street were all still trying to figure out what it would mean. The fact that as of today the dollar will be free to fluctuate introduced a slight degree of

The dollar fell sharply on currency markets around the world yesterday, hitting a low of 153.90 yen from 154.05 and 2.0930 Deutschmarks from 2.1120 in London. The pound sterling gained on the U.S. currency at 1.4925. Dealers were not optimistic about the dollar's outlook. Details on page 19.

nervousness because the Israeli economy is abandoning its year-old anchor and adopting a new one.

As the dollar dropped to record lows yesterday, it is possible that some profit-taking will take place at

the beginning of the week in European currency markets. If that occurs, the rate of exchange of the shekel may break through the NIS 1.5 mark for a few days. People interpreting this as a sign to buy dollars or dollar assets may end up losing money. Currency experts believe the trend of the U.S. currency for the coming months will be downward. On the other hand, there is no guarantee that the dollar will go down, so any purchase or sale of foreign currency will entail from now on a large element of risk.

Confusion yesterday was somewhat compounded by inaccurate news reports. On the Israel Televi-

sion's Wednesday midnight news, for example, a senior banker said that if the dollar weakened in Europe, its value would rise in Israel which is exactly the opposite of what would happen.

The Bank of Israel's rationale for pegging the shekel to a basket of currencies was fairly straightforward. Israel is an open economy, it trades widely with the industrialized countries, and is greatly affected by world economic developments.

When the dollar's value relative to European currencies and the yen began to drop rapidly at the beginning of last year, the value of the

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In Syria, Libya, the Peres summit was no surprise

By VICTOR MALKA

RABAT. — Syria and Libya knew in advance about Prime Minister Peres's visit to Morocco, sources here said yesterday.

The Syrian ambassador to Libya told a colleague in Tripoli about the pending visit as early as July 8, a former Moroccan ambassador to a European country told *The Jerusalem Post*. He spoke in the presence of a former minister in King Hassan's government. The former ambassador said he was "surprised" and "delighted" by Hassan's initiative, but had reservations about the immediate Moroccan gains from the Ifrane meeting.

"Peres is the great beneficiary in the short term," he said. "In the long term, it will be the king, assuming that progress is made towards peace in the Middle East."

The former Moroccan minister said he was "convinced the king had analyzed all aspects of the situation before taking his decision." Both he and the former ambassador were convinced that Peres and Hassan had agreed upon secret clauses at Ifrane. "After King Hassan's pre-

sent to Peres, it is essential that the Israeli prime minister bring about new elections to stop [Vice Premier Yitzhak] Shamir from ruling," the former ambassador said.

The public debate the Ifrane summit triggered in Israel has been widely discussed by politicians and opinion-molders in Morocco. The editor of one of the country's leading newspapers was anxious to learn how the October rotation agreement would work. "If new elections are indeed held, is Peres certain of victory?" he asked with visible concern.

Although it seems that Hassan has won the support of the opinion-makers, the Moroccan media are aware that a large part of the population does not understand the government's explanations of the circumstances surrounding Peres's visit. The government-backed media have repeatedly broadcast and printed—in Arabic and French—the full text of the king's speech.

Opposition to the King's meeting is coming from those in the middle class who believe

Hassan took an unjustified risk; from a few young intellectuals who say they have forgotten the massacre of Palestinians at Sabra and Shatila; and from the Moslem Brotherhood, the fundamentalist group which is mainly active in the northern Ozan region. The Moslem brotherhood however, is closely watched by the regime, and so their field of action is extremely limited.

Three self-described "anti-Western" students — all sons of Moroccan ambassadors — told *The Jerusalem Post* that they had found no fault with Hassan's initiative. They saluted the "new era" they said was beginning in Arab-Jewish relations, but asked: "Why do all the Israeli politicians know only how to say No?"

Newspapers close to the government have printed hundreds of telegrams from Moroccans of all classes expressing admiration for the king's action.

Minister of State Mulla Ahmed Allawi reiterated in many pro-government editorials the significance that should be placed on Peres's visit. "The king is an outstanding

political strategist," a local political-science expert told me. "He will receive the heads of all the large parties in the next few days to explain his policy. After that we will no longer have the reservations still being expressed in some quarters."

Politicians interviewed in Rabat did not conceal their satisfaction that "the Ifrane meeting opened a great debate in Israel on the question of the PLO." Moroccan newspapers published large headlines with Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir's statement to *Moniteur* this week in which he said he was prepared to risk the establishment of a Palestinian state that was inherent in the autonomy plan for the territories. Moroccan leaders regard this as a significant change in the Likud leader's stance and attribute it to the Ifrane summit.

"I am happy about this development and salute the peace it promises to bring with excitement," the former minister said. "But above all I hope that the Arab nations will learn from Israel the rules of democracy."

Soldier dies in Lebanon

By AVI HOFFMANN
and HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Staff

An Israeli soldier was killed in Southern Lebanon yesterday morning in an encounter with terrorists who "used children as living shields," in the words of O.C. Northern Command Aluf Yossi Peled.

Samal Ribson Arye Tubol, 20, will be buried at the Beersheva Military Cemetery today. Two terrorists were also killed in the incident, which took place at 7 a.m. at a point seven kilometres north of the Israeli border.

The clash began when an Israeli force engaged two terrorists armed with Kalashnikov rifles, LAW anti-tank missiles and grenades. The terrorists were accompanied by three children aged between 10 and 12 and two donkeys. It was not clear what the children were doing with the terrorists, but "when the firing started they were used as human shields," Peled said.

Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy, speaking to reporters in Tel Aviv yesterday, said that the soldiers had made every effort not to hit the children, who escaped unhurt, even though this might have hampered the unit's effectiveness. "I am pleased that the commander took the presence of the children into consideration," he said, even though

avoiding harming them posed a problem.

Levy stressed that the unit had acted properly under the circumstances. Tubol was apparently hit by a single bullet, and died in spite of the efforts of a doctor who reached him within 40 seconds. A subsequent search of the area showed that only one of the terrorists had managed to fire his weapon.

Levy said he was unwilling to state that the increasing number of hostile incidents in Southern Lebanon indicated a new era. He said that the problem was an ongoing one and that he expected more terror attacks from the north, both on land and from the sea.

The terrorists in yesterday's incident were carrying Hizbollah documents, but security sources do not take this as proof that they belonged to the radical Shi'ite organization.

The chief of general staff said that a company of Syrian troops had returned to the village of Mahrara which had served as a focus of conflict between Hizbollah and pro-Syrian forces. Mahrara is about 10 kilometres north of the Security Zone near Lake Karoun.

Levy indicated that at least one of the car bombings in Beirut could be linked to a Syrian design to consolidate its position there. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

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Report on GSS affair

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Prime Minister Peres yesterday received the report of the committee that investigated the General Security Service's operational procedures. The committee was headed by Aluf (res.) Aharon Yariv and included lawyer Yehoshua Rotenstreich and Raphael Vardi.

The committee was appointed by the prime minister on the basis of a cabinet decision that also approved

seeking presidential pardons for Shin Bet chief Avraham Shalom and three of his senior aides.

It is learned that the committee has recommended that, in addition to the prime minister (to whom the GSS is responsible), other senior ministers should also be involved in decisions on sensitive matters, or should be among those who receive GSS reports.

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MONTREAL	15	9	22	Cloudy
NEW YORK	21	10	28	Cloudy
OSLO	13	5	20	Cloudy
PARIS	17	10	24	Cloudy
PRINCE JAMES	13	5	20	Cloudy
SÃO PAULO	11	5	17	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	15	9	22	Cloudy
TOKYO	24	17	31	Clear
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Tiberias	44	23-37	28
Nazareth	51	20-31	32
Afula	45	22-32	33
Shomron	46	20-31	32
Tel Aviv	60	21-31	31
B-G Airport	53	22-30	31
Jericho	34	25-38	39
Gaza	67	23-29	30
Beerseba	41	22-33	34
Eilat	23	26-39	40

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

South African Ambassador David de Villiers du Buisson yesterday hosted a farewell reception at his residence in Ramat Gan. Among the guests were Knesset members, government officials and members of the diplomatic corps headed by U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering.

BUMPED

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Fitzwater asked me whether I had heard anything from the Jordanian government. I told him that up to that moment, no Jordanian official had informed me that I would be barred from entering the country. I then said that I would arrive in Amman on Thursday.

But a few minutes later I received the call from the Jordanian Information Ministry. After consulting my editors at *The Jerusalem Post*, I called Fitzwater and told him that, under the circumstances, I would not fly to Amman.

Earlier Wednesday morning, Prime Minister Zaid al-Rifai informed the U.S. ambassador in Amman, Paul Beeker, that I would be expelled from Jordan.

Authoritative State Department officials said that the U.S. Embassy in Amman had worked very hard to try to get the decision reversed. "They were heavily engaged on your behalf," one U.S. official said.

They said that over the past few days, Bush's aides, pressed by the Vice President personally, were also very actively involved in the effort to get me into Jordan. Bush's chief of staff Craig Fuller, in fact, personally asked al-Rifai to reverse the decision shortly after the Bush delegation arrived in Amman from Jerusalem.

At the suggestion of Fuller, I telephoned Dr. Samir Mutaweh, the chief press spokesman at the Royal Palace in Amman, in the hope of still winning permission to enter Jordan. "Your visit has caused quite a considerable controversy, and I don't know what we can do now," Mutaweh said. He confirmed that he had approved my visit to Jordan last Friday during a telephone conversation with Jordanian Ambassador Mohammed Kamal.

State Department sources said the Jordanian government, after initially approving an entry visa for me to cover the three-day Bush visit to Jordan, had had second thoughts, largely because of "the politics of the Arab world." The Jordanian position appears to have hardened in the aftermath of Moroccan King Hassan's meetings with Prime Minister Peres.

U.S. officials also cited the extensive publicity that the matter had generated in Israel and the U.S. It was reported by the Associated Press, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Chicago Sun-Times*, *The New York Post* and many other newspapers.

The *Times* yesterday said: "Vice President Bush's trip to the Middle East, planned in part to help position the Republican front-runner as a seasoned hand on the diplomatic front, is drawing some attention of just the sort his staff worked hard to avoid."

STUDY. — An Egyptian delegation, in Israel as guests of the Agriculture Ministry's Field Services, yesterday visited Kibbutz Na'an, near Rehovot, to study its irrigation systems.

HOME NEWS

The choice: Arafat or Hussein

Peres rejects party call for reassessment

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli recognition of the Palestinian right to self-determination would mean its choosing to deal with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, rather than with Jordan's King Hussein, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said last night.

Addressing a joint meeting of the Labour Party's political bureau and its Knesset caucus here, Peres roundly rejected the recent calls in the party for a reassessment of the party's positions on the Palestinians.

The issue is due to be debated at the first meeting of the party's new central committee next week.

Israel must differentiate between self-determination for the Palestinians as a people and as a potential state, Peres said. The Camp David accords had already recognized them as a people, he maintained.

Israel, Peres said, had to choose between Arafat and Palestinian representatives acceptable to him, and Hussein and Palestinians acceptable to Jordan and Israel. Any attempt to find common ground with Arafat would inevitably mean the distancing of Hussein — and Israel was not interested in that, Peres said.

The only alternative for Israel, if the peace process was to continue, was to hold a dialogue with the residents of the West Bank and with Jordan, Peres said. The immediate question, he added, was who would represent the Palestinians, whether the present "rejectionist front" would be replaced naturally by a "dialogue front" or whether Israel would have to assist in the process.

In a scathing attack on those who demand a reassessment, Peres posed a number of rhetorical questions: Why can't Israel be allowed to have an opening position? Why must Israel enter negotiations naked and compliant? And if someone wants you to give everything, why must you simply do so?

Of the four speakers who followed Peres, only MK Haim Ramon differed with the prime minister and demanded a reassessment. The attitude of former justice minister Haim Zadok, a representative of the "establishment doves," was an indication of the minimal support that the demand for a reassessment is likely to have in the central committee. Zadok agreed with the prime minister that the time was not right to begin changing the party platform.

First since Hussein-Arafat rift

Pro-Jordan leaflet appears in W. Bank

By JOEL GREENBERG

A pro-Jordanian handbill appealing to "the silent majority" in the territories was distributed yesterday and Wednesday night in East Jerusalem and other parts of the West Bank. It was the first pro-Jordanian handbill distributed in the areas since Jordan-PLO relations deteriorated early this year.

The handbill, signed by "The Preparatory Committee for Palestinian-Jordanian Alignment," addresses itself to "the Palestinian-Jordanian masses." It calls on the "silent majority" in the territories to break the silence it has maintained for nearly 20 years of Israeli occupation in order to block the "opportunists and merchants" who have taken over the Palestinian cause.

King Hussein recently said "the silent majority" in the territories had yet to speak out on Jordan's policies in the areas and toward the PLO.

Political spokesmen in the territories have roundly condemned Jordan's recent crackdown on the PLO

and Amman's moves towards greater involvement in the territories.

The handbill asserts that Palestinians in the West Bank are Jordanian citizens. This does not diminish their Palestinian identity, but strengthens it. It condemns the PLO's insistence on independent policy-making as a "narrow," "self-centred" and "regional" approach, which dangerously separates the Palestinian cause from the rest of the Arabs. It calls the unity between the Palestinian and Jordanian peoples a "mission" and not a political tactic.

The handbill contains political positions similar to those of Jordan, which the authors say are open to discussion. It calls for solution of the Palestinian problem by establishing a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation as outlined in the February 1985 Jordan-PLO accord.

The handbill reflects Jordan's interest in both the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, by asserting that the two areas are "one and inseparable."

S. AFRICA SANCTIONS

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to stress the unanimity of yesterday's cabinet meeting. In London, the sources said there was dissent from a number of ministers, who have been saying privately that sanctions are inevitable following the failure of Howe's EC mission.

The source said the overwhelming view in the Foreign Office was that sanctions were now inevitable, and officials said contact had already been made with Japan.

Howe briefed U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker yesterday, although no details of their meeting were immediately available.

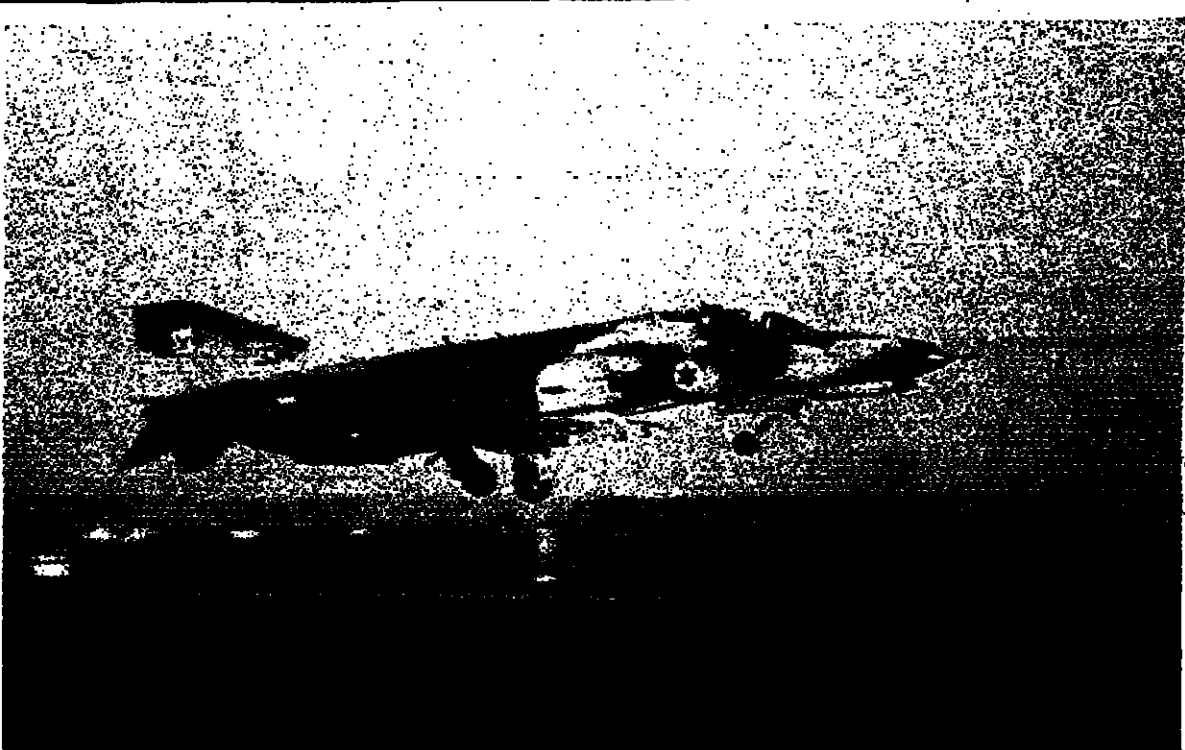
The sources said Britain would probably seek to persuade Com-

monwealth leaders from seven countries meeting in London on Sunday to hold off moves for sanctions until backing was received from Japan and the U.S. for the limited EC package.

This includes a ban on imports of minerals.

The sources said it was clear the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Office had differing views on the situation.

Howe himself said in Pretoria that some form of action was inevitable, a view backed by the influential House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee as well as the Commonwealth's Eminent Persons' Group, which had also failed to promote dialogue in South Africa.



An Israel Air Force Phantom fighter-bomber takes to the air on Wednesday evening with a transplanted engine on board. For the powerful Pratt and Whitney PW1120 engine, due to power the Lavi, this was a maiden flight. The Phantom was flying with one PW1120 replacing one of its pair of J79s.

'Killing Lavi wouldn't solve defence budget'

Post Defence Staff

Even if the Lavi "died today and did not cost Israel a dollar more," it would not resolve the problems facing the General Staff in planning this year's operational programme in an era of massive cuts in the defence budget, Chief of General Staff Rav Aluf Moshe Levy said yesterday.

"Even without taking into account the cost of another fighter to replace the Lavi, the death of the Lavi would not close the gap between what was required and what had been allocated for the IDF's long-range planning," he said.

Second chess draw

LONDON (AP). — World chess champion Garry Kasparov and challenger Anatoly Karpov agreed to a draw yesterday after the 52nd move of the second game in their title contest.

Both games have ended in draws, giving each of the Soviet grandmasters one point.

SOLDIER SLAIN

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Levy said that Syria was continuing to build up its armed forces despite economic problems: but there were no particular indications of a pending confrontation.

He warned, however, that, with the Syrians, one had to tread "a thin, shaky and problematic line. Things could happen either way, and we are prepared for anything."

Meanwhile, South Lebanon Army troops last night destroyed a Mercedes carrying three terrorists on their way to Israel. The car was hit north of Taibe.

Haredim agree not to picket P. Tikva cinema

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
For The Jerusalem Post

Ultra-Orthodox demonstrators will not protest against Friday night film screenings in front of Petah Tikva's Heichal Cinema this evening, following an agreement reached Wednesday between Petah Tikva religious leaders and Police Inspector-General David Kraus.

The town's chief rabbi, Baruch Salomon, agreed to suspend his year-long protest against Sabbath film screenings "for the next few weeks" so that relations between the police and the religious community could be re-examined. Salomon is also waiting for a High-Court decision on his legal right to protest the screenings.

Kraus said over 6,000 police working days, which could have been devoted to crime prevention, had been wasted on the Friday night protests. At least 100 officers were needed at demonstrations to prevent

counter-protests and ensure the safety of the religious demonstrators, he said.

It has been learned that Salomon, who has amassed a thick police-file over the past year, had considered halting the Friday night protests even before Wednesday's meeting with Kraus. According to Petah Tikva Rabbi Moshe Pinto, the turnout at Salomon's Friday night protests had been waning in recent weeks.

A Jerusalem source close to Salomon yesterday told *The Post* that the Petah Tikva rabbi had agreed to the "cease-fire" in exchange for Kraus's promise not to bring charges against him. Kraus, however, discounted this report as "absurd."

"Salomon's personal police file was never mentioned in the course of our conversation. I never promised him anything. We simply agreed to a cease-fire until the pending High Court decision," said Kraus.

Railways didn't tamper with tragedy evidence

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
For The Jerusalem Post

Contrary to the initial suspicions of police investigators, the "black box" of the train that collided with an Egged bus in June 1985, killing 22 schoolchildren, was not tampered with, a national police spokesman said yesterday.

The investigators had suspected that "someone at Israel Railways" had "maliciously tampered" with the box's printouts to show that the train had stopped before the fatal collision.

But subsequent laboratory tests showed that what had first been seen as the result of tampering was in fact the outcome of "unintentional human handling" which resulted in

"misleading and suspicious" creases and stains in the printouts, the spokesman said.

A commission that probed the collision found that the bus driver, who was killed, had made errors which resulted in the collision. It cleared the engine driver of responsibility, saying that he had been travelling within the 105 kph speed limit before the collision and had started to brake some 174 metres before impact.

Agam claims \$15,000 stolen from hotel

By YORAM GAZIT
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. — Artist Ya'acov Agam has hired a private detective agency to probe the alleged theft of \$15,000 from his hotel room here, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

The alleged theft took place when Agam was in Tel Aviv for the formal unveiling of his sculpture in Dizengoff Centre.

The taxi driver Agam hired as personal chauffeur during his visit to the city and the hotel workers were questioned by the private agency. All the suspects reportedly came out clean.

Agam has left the country without submitting a complaint to the police.

Shin Bet court ruling on Monday

The High Court of Justice will publish on Monday its decision on the validity of the presidential pardons granted to Shin Bet chief Avraham Shalom and three of his senior aides, the court's secretary announced yesterday. The decision covers about 150 pages, he said.

The court will also announce whether it has allowed a petition to order the police to investigate the Shin Bet affair.

Bir Zeit demo blocked

Security forces yesterday set up barriers on roads leading to Birzeit University to prevent a mass demonstration called at the campus to protest against the Hassan-Peres summit in Morocco, and Jordan's crackdown on the PLO.

Arab farmers evicted

SHAFAR'AM. — Israel Lands Administration employees yesterday evicted Arab farmers from a 20-dunam plot of state-owned land near here. They also demolished several huts and chicken coops that had been constructed illegally on the site.

The operation, which was conducted in cooperation with the Nature Reserves Authority and was supervised by police, passed without incident.

Four Beduins charged as terrorists

LOD (Itim). — Four residents of the southern Beduin town of Rahat have been charged with belonging to a terrorist ring and ordered held in custody until the end of proceedings against them.

A military court headed by Aluf Mishne Aharon Alperin will begin hearing the cases in September.

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WJC releases more Waldheim documents

Jerusalem Post Staff
Austrian President Kurt Waldheim kept top secret Nazi war documents, including orders to expel Jews to the death camps, in his personal safe in Greece, World Jewish Congress investigators charged yesterday.

Dr. Avi Becker, director-general of the WJC in Israel, said that the new disclosure based on files in the U.S. National Archives, proved Waldheim's senior status in the Nazi apparatus.

With this disclosure, U.S. WJC officials renewed their call to U.S. Attorney-General Edwin Meese to ban Waldheim from the U.S.

Bone-marrow expert here

Dr. Robert Gale, the bone-marrow transplant expert who has been treating victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, arrives in Israel from Moscow today. Gale, who is married to an Israeli, will meet with Health Minister Mordechai Gur and with bone-marrow experts at Hadassah Hospital.

CORRECTION

The head of endocrinology at Ichilov Hospital is Prof. Lydia Laurian and not as published yesterday. Dr. Daniel Eilon is head of a fertility department.

"The Staged Sixties," a story by Louis Rappoport which appears in today's magazine, is reprinted by courtesy of *Commentary* magazine.

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of
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The Family

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On the third yahrzeit of yeshiva student

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Transport from 34 Sorotzkin, Jerusalem, leaving 10:30 a.m.
Prayers at Har Hazetim cemetery (Inter-continental entrance)
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Transport from 34 Sorotzkin, leaving at 4:30 p.m.

The Family

The tombstone unveiling for

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Soviets refuse to increase level of Jewish emigration

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Soviet officials yesterday announced the creation of a commission on human rights and humanitarian questions, but said they did not plan to upgrade the current low level of Jewish emigration to Israel and the West.

At a news conference marking today's 11th anniversary of the signing of the Helsinki Accords on Security and Cooperation in Europe, they said the commission would concentrate on informing Soviet citizens of their rights.

"We hope it will contribute to problems of interest to Europe and the West," said Yevgeny Silin, deputy chairman of the Soviet Committee for European Security and Cooperation.

He said the 25-30-member body composed of intellectuals, workers and journalists would begin meeting this autumn.

Asked whether the commission

would handle questions of Jewish emigration and the reunification of divided families, Silin said Moscow has no reason to maintain the high emigration levels of the 1970s.

"We recognize that a certain number of Jewish and other families were divided for historic reasons such as World War II. There were periods of intensive reunification."

"Now this process has been slowed because a considerable number of families were reunited, and also due to problems such as the Middle East situation," he said.

Emigration of Soviet Jews reached a peak of 51,330 in 1979 but has declined sharply since 1980. A Geneva monitoring body said recently that only 55 Soviet Jews emigrated to the West last month, making a total of 422 for the first half of 1986. Last year, 1,140 Soviet Jews were allowed to emigrate.

Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate have accused the authorities of fail-

ing to respect human-rights provisions of the 1975 Helsinki accords, signed by the U.S., Canada and all European states but Albania.

Foreign Ministry official Yuri Gromitskiy said Jews should not be viewed differently from other Soviet citizens. He said measures restricting emigration of citizens who knew state secrets or had served in the armed forces applied to all alike.

Silin sidestepped a question on Soviet jamming of foreign radio broadcasts, saying the commission would not cover this.

But Gromitskiy used the question to attack the Russian-language services of the BBC and the U.S. station Radio Free Europe, saying they carry tendentious information about Soviet internal affairs.

"Their purpose is to undermine the trust of Soviet people in our leadership and to weaken Soviet society," he said.



For \$9.50, children and spies alike can buy a plastic "model" of America's F-19 Stealth fighter, a plane so secret the U.S. military does not even admit it exists. U.S. Congressmen Gerry Sikorsky (left) and John Bryant examine the model in New York Wednesday.

(Reuter telephoto)

Stranded whales led back to the open sea

AUGUSTA, Australia. — Volunteers cheered yesterday as 79 whales stranded on a beach near this small holiday resort in Western Australia were led to the safety of the open sea.

However, the happiness quickly ended when another 14 whales were discovered beached about three kilometres away.

Nearly 120 false killer whales, one of several species of whale, beached themselves Tuesday night. Seven of the whales died, while others were nursed back to sea by rescuers.

Conservation officials and scores of local volunteers worked through the night Wednesday to transport the whales by dump truck about two km. along the town beach to a pen in Flinders Bay.

They then towed one or two of the

whales backward over the shallow reef and into the Indian Ocean.

Conservation and land management ranger David Mell said the bull whales towed out backward sent out distress calls which led the rest of the school back to sea. Some turned back but were shepherded out by boats.

Meanwhile, Iceland's Fisheries Minister Halldor Asgrimmsson yesterday defied U.S. threats of economic sanctions, saying his North Atlantic island nation would continue whaling after August 20.

Iceland last week called off the hunt by getting whalers to agree to take a hastily arranged summer holiday following U.S. warnings of imminent sanctions if Iceland killed any more whales. (AP, Reuter)

Sri Lanka minister unhurt in attack

COLOMBO (Reuter). — Tamil separatist guerrillas yesterday attacked policemen guarding a Sri Lanka minister on a tour of the eastern province, wounding two of them, a military spokesman said.

It was not clear how close the shooting was to Home Affairs Minister K.W. Devanayagam, who was unhurt.

A military spokesman said Devanayagam was opening a post office and a maternity hospital at Chenkai, about 15 km. from the eastern

city of Batticaloa.

Guerrillas are fighting to set up an independent state in the northern and eastern areas for the Tamil minority. The Colombo government is dominated by majority Sinhalese.

Four soldiers and a guerrilla were killed by a bomb in Sri Lanka Wednesday, the government said.

A National Security Ministry spokesman denied a report by the national news agency Lankapuvath that troops opened fire after the blast, killing or wounding 30 rebels.

West Berlin police nab Achille Lauro hijacker

BERLIN (AP). — West Berlin police said yesterday they have arrested a 24-year-old man who was sentenced in absentia by an Italian court for complicity in the Achille Lauro hijacking.

The man, identified as Yussef Hisham Nasser, was arrested Tuesday in West Berlin, said the state security section of the West Berlin Police Department. Police declined to give details of the arrest.

Nasser was sentenced by a Genoa court last month to six years and six months in jail for complicity in the Achille Lauro hijacking. Nasser was not present during the trial.

Leon Klinghoffer, a 69-year-old New Yorker, was killed during the October, 1985 hijacking.

The spokesman for the West German Interior Ministry in Bonn, also confirmed Nasser's arrest.

Nasser is at present jailed in West Berlin. Authorities were unaware of any plans for his extradition to Italy.

Nasser, who Italian police have also identified as Yussef Ahmad Sa'ad, is alleged to have been an agent for the Palestine Liberation Front in Italy.

A spokesman for the Wiesbaden federal police said he was also accused of forging documents.

"He came with a false passport," said the spokesman.

The Bavarian State Interior Ministry said West German police arrested another Palestinian late last year in Viechtach in connection with the Achille Lauro hijacking.

The man was extradited to Italy on July 24.

In another development, two Jordanians were charged by a West Berlin court yesterday with attempted murder in connection with a March bomb blast that left nine people wounded, court officials said.

Ahmed Hasi, 35, and Farouk Salameh, 39, were accused of placing a bomb outside a German-Arab Friendship Organization, wounding nine people and causing more than \$200,000 worth of damage.

Ahmed Hasi is the brother of Nizar Hindawi, arrested in London last April after an abortive attempt to blow up an Israeli airliner shortly after takeoff from Heathrow Airport. (AP, AFP)

Iran aims new missiles at Iraq

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP). — The Iranians have deployed "large missile units" zeroed in on key Iraqi "military and economic targets" along the Persian Gulf battlefield, Tehran Radio reported yesterday.

The state-run radio, monitored in London, said that Mohsen Rafiq-Doust, commander of the Revolutionary Guards Corps, declared that all the centres "would be destroyed" if Iran's Supreme Defence Council gave the order to launch the missiles.

Rafiq-Doust, recently named a member of the nine-man strategy-making council, warned in Tehran on Wednesday that Iran would start

hitting Iraq with the surface-to-surface missiles if air raids on Iranian centres continue.

Despite the missile threat, a military spokesman in Baghdad announced yesterday that formations of Iraqi warplanes bombed the strategic Kuttur bridge on the Turkish border in northwest Iran and two cement factories on the outskirts of Drou, 300 kilometres southwest of Tehran.

The spokesman said the Iraqi jets scored "devastating hits" on the bridge, which links Iran to Turkey, and "destructive hits" on the factories that left them in flames.

Cypriots release arms smuggler

NICOSIA (Reuter). — Cyprus has freed a Palestinian jailed for seven years in January for trying to smuggle arms hidden in wine bottles on a civilian flight from the island to Jordan, his defence lawyer said yesterday.

The lawyer said that Sami Anis Naken Nasr, 26, who carries a Jordanian passport, was freed quietly three days ago. He said he did not know the reason for the release, and Cypriot Attorney-General Stella Soulioti declined to answer questions on the case.

U.S. businessman disappears in Lebanon

MISSION VIEJO, California (AP). — The State Department is trying to locate an American businessman who disappeared four weeks ago while travelling in Lebanon.

Faik Wareh, 58, who owns a janitorial supply business in Garden Grove and several apartment buildings in Orange County, kissed his wife of two months goodbye June 29 and left Beirut for a driving trip to Damascus, his family said. That was the last they heard of the Syrian native.

Cape Town police lift emergency laws

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — Sweeping state-of-emergency restrictions on 119 anti-apartheid organizations in the Cape Town area have been lifted by a police commander in advance of a court challenge of their validity.

Judges in two other regions this week struck down similar emergency orders issued by police, and more challenges are being prepared elsewhere as critics of the emergency make increasing use of the courts.

Brig. Chris Swart, divisional police commissioner of Cape Province, announced late Wednesday that he had lifted the restrictions, which prohibited the affected groups from holding meetings and barred the newsmedia in the region from quoting them.

Also repealed by Swart were orders that pupils be arrested if found outside their classrooms without permission during school hours and that funerals in black areas be held only on working days, not weekends or holidays.

In an order issued June 21, nine days after the nationwide emergency was declared, Swart barred the 119 organizations from holding meetings, producing publications or making posters in strategic districts in and around Cape Town.

Among the groups covered by the order were the United Democratic Front, the country's largest anti-apartheid coalition, and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the largest labour federation.

Black Hebrews convicted of fraud in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP). — Nine members of the Black Hebrew sect have been convicted in a multimillion-dollar operation involving stolen plane tickets, phony passports and bank embezzlement.

A federal jury deliberated more than 200 hours, over a 36-day period, before reaching a verdict Wednesday.

The sect, formed by a former foundry worker in Chicago, says its members are descendants of the original tribes of Israel, and many have taken up residence in Israel.

The nine men, including Warren Brown, also known as Prince Asiel, who is the national leader of the Chicago-based group, were found guilty of two counts of the Racketeering, Corrupt and Influenced Organization Act.

Each count carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing was set for September 15.

Prosecutors argued that losses from the stolen airline tickets totaled more than \$10m. in six years.

They said the tickets were sold at discount to business executives and on college campuses. The passports and identity cards were used to help criminals flee from authorities, the government said.

SINGER. — Jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald, 68, has returned to Los Angeles after spending three days in a Niagara Falls, N.Y., hospital for congestive heart failure.

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

Moscow said giving in on Chinese border dispute

PEKING (Reuter). — The Soviet Union is willing to accept China's position on a long-standing dispute over the demarcation of their border along the rivers of northeast Asia, East European diplomats said yesterday.

They said a speech by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Monday in Vladivostok marked a crucial shift in Moscow's position on the border river issue, which led to fighting in March, 1969.

Gorbachev in his speech said: "The official border might pass along the main ship channel," which has been the Chinese position all along.

U.S. soldier killed in 'Mideast' war games

TWENTYNINE PALMS, California (AP). — An American soldier has been killed and two others injured during an exercise meant to simulate desert warfare in the Middle East, officials said.

The 10-day maneuvers, dubbed Gallant Eagle, taking place across the southwestern U.S. involve 35,000 troops of all four armed services who are practising desert warfare. The scenario is an intervention in the Middle East.

During similar maneuvers in 1982, six paratroopers were killed and 150 injured during a parachute drop in high winds.

Cruise ship docks in Miami after fire at sea

MIAMI (AP). — The sooty but seaworthy Emerald Seas docked yesterday at Miami with 970 passengers after a shipboard fire that hospitalized 15 other passengers and two crew members.

Hundreds of high-spirited passengers leaned over the stern's railing answering in unison the questions posed by dozens of reporters and photographers on the dock.

The injured passengers were airlifted to Miami by U.S. Coast Guard helicopters while their shipmates spent a few hours on little Stirrup Cay in the Bahamas, an island owned by Eastern Cruise Lines, operator of the ship.

Jamming bullets sold to Salvadoran Army

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia (AP). — Two Americans have pleaded guilty to furnishing rifle-jamming Yugoslav bullets to El Salvador, instead of U.S. munitions, court source said here yesterday.

They said Darlene Stratton, 40, and John Forder, 52, had also acknowledged paying Salvadoran Army officials a nearly \$300,000 bribe to accept the cheaper Yugoslav bullets.

They could be sentenced to five years in prison and a fine of \$10,000. They were discovered by Pentagon inspectors investigating Salvadoran Army complaints that its M-16 rifles jammed repeatedly with the bullets supplied under a \$4.8 million arms deal subsidized by the Pentagon.

Train robbers make the Wild West wild again

ROUND ROCK, Texas (AP). — For the first time since the late 19th century, robbers have attacked a train in this part of the U.S. wild west, authorities say.

The bandits who pulled off the holdup remain at large, police said. A Union Pacific freight train was waiting for another freight train to pass Saturday evening when two men, one carrying a pistol, held up the brakeman in the caboose (the last wagon on a train), authorities said.

"They demanded that he step down, and they took \$300 in cash and several pieces of jewelry," said a police officer.

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Why three MKs quit U.S.-Israel cultural body

Sick of being 'colonials'

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Members of the American-Israel Cultural Foundation's Israeli Council feel like "colonials," "puppets," and "slaves" and the three Knesset members on the council - chairman Mordechai Virshubski, former chairman Simcha Dinitz, and Meir Shitrit - resigned this week over what they considered an attempt by the foundation's American leadership to turn the Israeli organization into a rubber stamp.

"They want to rule the Israeli operation from New York by putting in their own man as executive director and by amending our by-laws so we wouldn't be able to do anything without their approval," Virshubski told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. "We accept that they provide the money, but we aren't beggars and they aren't giving charity."

Since the money - to the tune of a million-and-a-half dollars a year - comes from the U.S., the American leadership of the foundation has the last word on how the money should be allocated. Some of the money goes to the same organization every year, e.g., grants to the Israel Philharmonic, the Sharett Foundation, which gives scholarships to young musicians, and others. The rest of the funds are allocated to projects chosen each year.

"If they would disagree with our



MK Mordechai Virshubski

(Israel Sun)

choices, we would argue with them more or less depending on how important the particular project seemed to us," Virshubski explained.

He complained that the Americans did not know anything about culture in Israel, and showed no inclination to learn.

The war over who should be executive director in Israel is nothing new.

The situation almost came to a head last February during a stormy meeting between the Israelis and the Americans at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

"During six hours of discussion, they couldn't give us one good reason for firing Schiffman, other than that they don't like him. Finally, Hannah Zemer said she was too old for this nonsense and walked out, and the rest of the Israeli council followed her."

"Only the intervention of Isaac Stern (chairman of the foundation's council in the U.S.) who pleaded with us with tears in his eyes to come back into the conference room, prevented an outright rift."

"Finally, to save the foundation, we decided to limit the executive director's term to five years, so Schiffman would leave next spring. They weren't happy with that and said they would consider paying him until next spring if he would leave now. So far, he's still on the job and the issue hasn't been settled."

For Virshubski and the other MKs (and possibly for Zemer, who is also considering resigning), the last straw was the American attempt to amend the Israeli by-laws. "They didn't even approach us directly, but hired an Israeli lawyer to do it."

The proposed amendment would give the Americans the sole right to appoint and dismiss members of the Israeli organization and would limit the terms of members and of the paid executive director to one year.

Virshubski has decided to fight for the foundation in Israel from the outside.

The Bush visit: An anticlimax

Post Diplomatic Staff

During his visit to Israel U.S. Vice President George Bush did not like hearing his trip referred to as mainly a news media event. Before leaving the country, he noted that his hosts, Prime Minister Peres, Vice Premier Shamir and Defence Minister Rabin, "all...feel that it [the trip] has been quite substantive and...quite useful."

Yet, Bush's visit was undoubtedly meant to be perpetuated by cameras. The hot weather did not seem to have any effect on him or his wife Barbara as they toured Jerusalem for three long hours - travelled to the Mevasseret Zion absorption centre; flew to kibbutz Sde Boker and visited an Israel Air Force base. All this was done to the sweet clicking sound of the cameras.

Like a well-trained chef, who tastes a bit of everything, Bush met with a group of "young Israeli leaders" - a concept rather more common in American politics than in Israel - and also talked with Palestinian representatives from the territories. Everything was carefully planned and measured, nothing was left to chance. Even the lunch that the Bushes had with Mark and Natalia Drachinsky, new immigrants from Russia, at their home in the absorption centre, was cooked, prepared and brought from the Hilton Hotel.

Security reasons, explained Bush's security staff. It must be human nature that does not allow things to be taken as they are and tries to attach some meaning or value to everything. Israeli government circles were eager to give the visit political importance. After all, a vice president of the U.S. doesn't visit here everyday.

It was said in these circles that if American involvement in the peace process were enhanced as a result of the visit, and if the Pollard affair and the other high tech affairs were forgiven and forgotten, and if Israel were to get better terms on arms purchases, and if Bush personally were made to appear a better friend than ever - then the visit could be called successful.

ANALYSIS



It was thought that if Bush could participate in the initialing of the Taba arbitration agreement between Israel and Egypt, and if he could go to Morocco after visiting Israel, Jordan and Egypt and if, on his visit, he would declare U.S. readiness in principle to grant Israel quasi-Nato status in the area of arms supply, then the visit could legitimately be defined as having substantive political character.

But reality has its own rules. The American ambassador in Rabat was advised that it would be preferred if the vice president did not come to Morocco. The reason given was that King Hassan had had some difficulty getting Arab support for his last peace initiative, and hosting such a high-ranking American might be seen as an indication that the U.S. was behind the initiative - and therefore a visit could only be counter-productive.

The initialing of the Taba *compromis* did not occur, and considering the slow tempo of negotiations at this time, there is no reason to believe that discussions will or can be concluded in a day or two.

Also, the hopes for a ringing declaration of a

new, preferential status for Israel in the field of security were not fully realized. In his speech to the Knesset, Bush only said: "We are studying how we can give more help without spending more money. We are looking at precedents for doing this. We expect to sit down with you soon to talk about this issue, and we expect those talks to produce results."

Bush however, was more specific in his press conference, when he said there would be a joint study "to see what kind of discussions can be undertaken in terms of having Israel have some of the benefits that other countries do. I believe Australia and New Zealand do, in terms of the preferences that go with [non-aligned membership of Nato]. And that's as far as the U.S. has shaped its policy at this point."

Bush added that he meant economic benefits and "how one participates in some of the purchasing and how research and development are accounted for." Still, it seems that somewhat less than was expected was said.

Bush tried to soothe Israeli concerns about U.S.-Israel relations after the Pollard affair. He told Peres, and repeated in his press conference, that the relationship between the two countries was so "fundamental and so strong that it will overcome any difficulties."

The visit, then, was something of an anticlimax. The hope of initialing the Taba *compromis* was reduced to the reality of signing a tourist agreement and the agreement to establish a Voice of America relay station, which is an American interest rather than an Israeli one.

The possible "most favoured nation" status for Israel in arms purchases has yet to be examined, and in this respect, the visit did not make any difference to either side.

Bush often expressed friendship for Israel, but one remains a little suspicious when the name of the game in the U.S. is the forthcoming presidential election.

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ALICE GITTER

The Board of Directors, Management, Staff

Auctioneer says Shiff owes him \$5m.

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

British auctioneer Jeffrey Port, the chief executive of the Israel Auction Mart, attributes the initial failure of his first public auction in Israel to hotelier Haim Shiff.

At the end of the auction last Monday night, Port showed reporters a copy of his agreement with Shiff, stating that Shiff would pay a fixed commission on the sales of his properties. Though none of Shiff's assets was sold, Port is demanding more than \$5 million as commission for those properties in receivership.

Port threatens to take all legal means to force Shiff to pay. But Shiff denies that he owes Port anything and wants nothing more to do with him.

Port claims that Shiff gave him fraudulent information about properties which he had contracted the Israel Auction Mart to sell for him. Shiff had also pledged to prevent any change in the status of his properties until the end of 1986, Port says.

But Shiff welched on his contract by letting four of his properties go into receivership, Port says.

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ALICE GITTER

will take place today, Friday, August 1, 1986, leaving at 11:30 a.m. from Shaar Zion Library Square, Beit Ariella, 25 Sderot Shaul Hamelech, Tel Aviv for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

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FEATURES

Michal Yudelman finds a change in the deputy premier

The maturing of David Levy

AFTER SEVERAL weeks of unwelcome silence, brought on in part by the death of his father, the Likud deputy prime minister—and prime ministerial aspirant—is speaking out again, and deliberately cultivating the image of man of the world, not merely the populist politician of yesterday.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Levy openly discussed Israel's relations with the United States and Egypt, Prime Minister Shimon Peres's trip to Morocco, the Syrian danger and other topics—in fact, everything but the General Security Service affair.

As far as peace with Egypt is concerned, all parties are interested in strengthening it in every direction, according to Levy, but the thawing of the cold peace between the two countries depends first and foremost on Egypt.

"We have fulfilled all our commitments according to the peace treaty. But Egypt did not want to act according to the agreement. Despite the long time which elapsed, they are not keeping their end of the bargain. Now, consideration for Egypt and its problems is an inseparable part of the peace policy. But we must take care of Israel as well."

"Despite certain Egyptian actions which were actually hostile towards us, we have not given up. I hope we reach an agreement on the Taba issue. Then Egypt must do its part in the normalization, send an ambassador to Israel and everything else it promised to do," he said.

Noting that some have linked the progress in peace with Egypt with the rotation, Levy said this was nonsense, for it was the Likud, headed by Menachem Begin, which made the big step towards Egypt. The standstill in the normalization talks should not be attributed to one political bloc or another.

He defended the Likud government's attempts to strengthen the peace relations with Egypt, but he said the Egyptians changed their positions and created difficulties. "I hope we've learned that much patience and tolerance are needed—and the entire government is united in that realization."

PERES'S MEETING with Morocco's King Hassan II is a positive step in itself, Levy said, pointing out that every Israeli prime minister has aspired to meet Arab leaders openly and in public. He predicted that this desire would also hold true for future Israeli premiers.

But without minimizing the meeting and its taking place on Arab soil, we must be realistic. Levy said the visit has taught us that the radical Arab position, as expressed in the Fez convention, has remained intact: the demand for Israeli withdrawal from all the territories, including Jerusalem, the establishment of a Palestinian state and recognition of the PLO.

"And this from a leader who is considered moderate! If there's one thing I can say with assurance today, it's that the Arabs' position has not changed, and the accusations that they were adamant because of the Likud were groundless. Just as the Arabs rejected the Likud's position, they reject the Alignment's. It's time to realize that Israel is not to blame for the absence of peace."

Israel, Levy continued, rejects the demand to recognize the PLO, and Peres made that clear to Hassan. The government's position is clear: Camp David, the autonomy plan...and Peres presented it. But perhaps the stories around the visit—including the gastronomic details—created unrealistic expectations which did an injustice to the prime minister and the government.

"I would like to believe that apart from the palace and ifram and wonderful food, the meeting was also intended to speed up the peace process," Levy said.

Levy went on to criticize certain Labour Party people, who linked Peres's visit to the rotation. He saw no violation and said that so far, he has not seen Peres bring back anything which could even be argued about.

"Perhaps some people expected the Likud to attack Peres for his visit. But the Likud even blesses it! If, on the other hand, the visit's purpose was to lead to the breaking up of the government, then that's already got nothing to do with peace."

LEVY BLASTED the idealization of and nostalgia for Morocco following Peres's visit there. He urged anyone who wanted to visit Morocco to do so, then to come back home. All the sumptuous dishes served in Morocco can be prepared here as well.

He balked at statements referring to the loyalty of Israel's Jews of Moroccan origin to King Hassan, and to the Moroccan community in Israel being a potential "bridge to peace."

"We should be regarded as we are. Every Jew in Israel is a potential bridge for peace. Our legacy from Morocco is with us, if we can preserve that...if every community can preserve the culture it brought with it—that is our tree of life."

"I was born and raised in Morocco, yes, it's a beautiful country. But I left it, came on illegal immigration to Israel, which was my home and the home of my fathers. There's no going back."

The yearning for Morocco resulting from this visit raised unpleasant associations in Levy's mind. "Take Germany for instance. There too there was progress and culture, art and music. But will never set foot there. For what the Mongols and Huns didn't do, the cultured Germans did."



(Rubinger)

"Our fathers taught us that one day we would return to our country, for only here is the Jew his own master and can protect himself. For that heritage I take my hat off in yearning and with a tear."

On the subject of peace, Levy said Israel could not bring it about unilaterally. But Israel should become a state with which others would want to make peace: strong, secure, self-sufficient.

"Is a Palestinian state peace? Is there anyone in the world who endangered his future in the name of peace? I haven't seen that. But I have seen America acting for its security far away from its borders, as did the Russians, and the French and the British."

"A Palestinian state is a threat to our existence. Even the most moderate members in the Labour Party say that. So what is already the big difference between the Likud and the Alignment? So before the Likud is blamed, I ask: would the Labour Party be prepared to withdraw from all the territories including Jerusalem? According to its official position, the answer is no. Every Jew is for peace, but without endangering his existence. I am for peace with Israel, not without Israel."

ISRAEL HAD been under the impression that Jordan's King Hussein was interested in direct negotiations with us and was acting to achieve peace. But Hussein is now drawing closer to Syria, which is continuing with its radical policies and military preparations, which include promoting terrorism.

Levy said that Israel was making the appropriate responses to this double danger and should watch Hussein's move towards Syria very closely. And, he said, "The U.S.'s attempt to get somewhat closer to Syria should be viewed with concern. The direct result will be psychological—the Arabs will conclude that radicalism pays. And Syria wants to show that even a giant like the U.S. fawns and comes to her."

"That is not healthy to the region or in general. I hope America is disillusioned in this matter. I warned of the consequences—which are opposite to the course of peace—during my meetings with the American ambassador. I hope the dangers are clear to them. As for us, we must be alert and act firmly, also towards America in this matter," Levy said.

COMMENTING ON the Jonathan Jay Pollard and the cluster bomb affairs, Levy said he was shocked by the American attitude. He asserted that Israel responded with the utmost cooperation as no other country would have done, and even agreed to have its people questioned by the Americans.

But despite accommodating its strongest ally, "suddenly we are plunged into a murky atmosphere in which Israel becomes the suspect!" Levy said. Every time, there are new allegations and accusations, then denials. This cannot be tolerated. As one who always saw the vital importance of our relations with the U.S. I must say that I am shocked and appalled.

"Yes, it's true that the U.S. stands by us and helps us. But to the same extent Israel does for the

U.S. Both countries have a joint interest in vital points of global and regional policy. I would not like things to take shape in the U.S. as though we are hostile to them; I would not like them to attach suspicion to us. So they come out with soothing statements, but something more must be done to change the atmosphere. The relations are so close and reliable and steady, they cannot be accompanied by suspicions."

"I expect real action to be taken in this direction," Levy went on. "The American people must be told the truth. A mistake or a misunderstanding must not result in sticking us every Monday and Thursday with a new affair. What are we, a burden to America? Are we damaging its security? Or are we contributing to it?"

Levy noted that Vice President George Bush was witness, during his visit here, to the staunch friendship of the Israeli nation and its government—regardless of which party leads the government—towards the U.S. He urged Bush to stand up and tell the Americans what he saw and heard in Israel.

"It is our right to expect that the attempts—and I don't know who in the U.S. might be interested in spoiling the relations—to muddy up the atmosphere cease. Israel does not deserve it. I dare say that beyond Israel's policies, there is a friendship and openness between the two countries that no other country has with Israel. It is our right to see to it that this friendship is not harmed or damaged."

LEVY REITERATED his demand to convene the second session of the Herut Party convention. He said Shamir had promised to do everything to hold a convention as soon as possible, for he too sees the damage to the party's future if the present divisiveness is not corrected.

Levy said he will not tolerate political paralysis brought about by people who see it as convenient, or because some will not bring themselves to face the delegates and a democratic decision.

"We are not short of problems," he said. "There are certain elements in the Alignment which may be up to no end of things once Peres is no longer prime minister. This requires strong, united action from the Likud. If an agreement can be reached before the convention about key party positions, fine. If not, we'll go for a showdown. Then we can move as a united team towards implementing the rotation."

Despite the national unity government, the housing activity in Judea and Samaria never ceased for a single day, Levy said. Dozens of settlements moved from temporary structures to permanent households, massive building took place: public institutions; roads, schools, day-care centres and all the necessary infrastructure.

In addition, urban settlements have been fortified with new neighbourhoods; the Hotze Shomron road will be completed this year, bringing the Jordan Valley and coastal plain closer together.

"I am proud of the great activity, even in the given political situation and with the financial limitations, and intend to continue it," Levy said. "And if I can do so without annoying anyone—that is my wish too."

In the know on the Morocco summit

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Abba Eban...privity to the secret.

LITTLE is known of the role that Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee chairman Abba Eban played in the preparatory work leading up to the historic meeting between Prime Minister Shimon Peres and King Hassan of Morocco. Many of his fellow Israelis seem to forget that Eban is one of the world's acknowledged authorities on diplomatic procedure. What I have learned is that the former foreign minister was one of the few people, outside the prime minister's immediate circle, privy to the secret from the outset.

URISAVIR, who has become more than just Peres's media counsellor, approached Eban in order to draw on his extensive experience and get his advice even before the first of the two secret preparatory meetings with King Hassan's highly influential adviser Ahmed Gedera.

Labour Knesset faction chairman Rafi Edri and Savir flew to Paris on July 3 and July 11 to meet Gedera in a five-star hotel suite. I gather that it was only at the second meeting that the royal envoy specified the Ifrane venue: earlier, Washington had been mentioned. Savir's neighbour on one return flight from Paris was Likud MK Pinhas Goldstein, who now praises his capacity to keep secrets.

When I asked Eban about his role in the Morocco meeting, he said: "They asked me to look through my three files of position papers—the first relating to meetings with Arab leaders; the second for ones that never happened; and the third on those that took place but which we've never admitted."

PERES'S RETURN home highlighted his close ties with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who went out of his way to greet him at the airport at five a.m. and prompted an acute attack of sour grapes across the political spectrum. As someone said, if Tehiya's Genda Cohen, the CRM's Shulamit Aloni and the Progressive List's Matti Peled found common cause in attacking the Hassan-Peres confab, then our prime minister must have done something right!

Thus we heard Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir down-playing the summit: "It's not an historic event...we shouldn't exaggerate its importance," adding, "No one can accuse me of seeing things narrowly." (This was just a few days after his cataract operation.)

Other Likudniks have been even less kind, talking of "an extended Mimouna," with an anxious eye on Peres's expected increased popularity among Moroccan immigrant voters.

After hearing Rafi Edri going on and on about his role at Ifrane during his report to the Alignment Knesset caucus, Eban expressed fellow-MKs' sentiments when he wondered: "Is it true that Peres accompanied Edri to Morocco?"

MK Haim Ramon's bid to push Labour more to the left brought a united rebuff from dovish Eban and his Knesset committee deputy chairman hawkish Shmuel Dinitz. The latter charged Ramon with "pursuing Sandism minus Yossi" by urging Labour to push for what would become a PLO-run Palestinian state.

U.S. VICE PRESIDENT George Bush and his wife Barbara charmed everybody they met during their packed four-day visit to Israel, which he declared the most rewarding of his foreign travels to 71 countries since he took office.

He was most relaxed at the elegant dinner given by President Chaim Herzog and his wife Ansa, who once again proved her reputation as Israel's No.1 hostess. Her decision to beat the summer heat by holding the first Beit Hanassi dinner on the garden terrace proved an outstanding success. The King David Hotel staff did a superb job with the food and service.

The guests, from the premier and Sonja Peres, the foreign minister and Shulamit Shamir, Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel and his wife Temima, U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering and his wife Alice, to Yavne mayor, MK Meir Shitrit, and his wife Ruth, enjoyed the post-dinner repartee between Herzog and Bush.

Explaining the guest's Texas background, our president told the story of the Texan boasting to an Israeli: "If you get into a train in our state, you travel for three days and still find yourself in Texas," with the Israeli replying: "Yes, we have trouble with our trains too."

Bush rejoined with, "It's easy to knock Texas, now our economy's down. They say that the difference between a pigeon and a Texan is that a pigeon can still make a deposit on a Mercedes."

He went on to laud Peres's Moroccan trip: "It captivated America's imagination," and Abba Eban—whom he'd first met as U.S. ambassador to the UN—as "one of the greatest orators of our time."

Eban was in top form over dinner, regaling his neighbours, who included Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence Robert Pelletreau, Jr., with stories such as that about his first meeting with the late president Dwight Eisenhower, when "Ike" told him that as a boy in Kansas, he thought Jews only existed in the Bible, like cherubim and seraphim—until he grew up and reached New

York. Eban also revealed being a lifelong fan of the Tottenham Hotspurs football team.

Bush mentioned having asked to meet our younger leadership. "I only said I'd like to hear your views, and just managed to dodge the blast," he quipped. They included government secretary Yossi Beilin; Peres's three aides—Novick, Avraham Burg (Diaspora) and Amnon Neuhach (economics); Aluf Ehud Barak and Aluf Aviyahu Ben-Nun; MKs Dan Meridor, Ehud Olmert, Meir Shitrit and Haim Ramon; Government Press Office director Israel Peleg, businessman David Koolitz; and Rabbi David Hartman. I wonder why the U.S. Embassy couldn't find even one young woman leader.

AMBASSADOR Pickering was the perfect M.C. at the dinner Bush hosted at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel, where general manager Jeremy Frankel and his staff did a good job. It was a marked improvement on the slow service and so-so food provided by the Sheraton-Plaza the previous night at the Knesset banquet jointly hosted by Peres and Hillel. The speaker's pun about "some seeking to Pollardize U.S.-Israel relations" was appreciated.

Top pop singer Rita's after-dinner appearance at the Knesset was the idea of Peres's bureau director Boaz Eppelbaum, who begged the question: Rita has the best voice in Israeli show-biz, but is she suitable for such a state occasion?

THE BUSHES received the following presents: The Herzogs gave the V.P. a three-dimensional brass replica desk stand of the Menora state symbol, and Mrs. Bush an antique filigree-worked blue-glass necklace.

Peres's present to him was a letter-opener fashioned from an Iron Age spear-head, and to her, an antique aquamarine glass medallion on a chain. Hillel gave Bush a Bronze Age pot, while Temima gave Barbara the *Delights of Jerusalem* cookbook. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek gave the vice president an ancient map of Jerusalem, and his wife a Hamsa good-luck charm.

At the King David hotel, where the Bush entourage took over nearly half its capacity, General Manager Yossi Heisch presented them with Ya'acov Heller's silver statuette of the young King David.

Shamir emerged happy from the visit, the vice president having assured him of close U.S. cooperation when he rotates into the premiership. After telling his guest that he was the most important American leader to visit since President Ronald Reagan took office, Bush quipped: "Hasn't Henry been here?" It didn't take any guessing to know that he was referring to Henry Kissinger.

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VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

The best deal going — or moment of folly

YORAM ALSTER, his white shirt open at the neck, sat behind his big desk at the Communications Ministry in Jerusalem and drank a toast from a bottle of soda water.

It was the end of a long, hard 24 hours for the ministry's director-general who had just overseen the initialing of a \$250 million deal to build a Voice of America transmitter in the Arava.

Soda water fitted the bill. It was not yet time for champagne. There was a VOA agreement in principle but there will be days of difficult negotiations ahead before the controversial agreement is completed.

For Alster, his ministry colleagues, Prime Minister Peres and the Americans, Wednesday's signing ceremony at Jerusalem's King David Hotel, was a happy end to months of hard bargaining and tense infighting.

Peres and visiting U.S. Vice President George Bush smiled as the agreement — together with a codicil promising Israeli companies at least 50 per cent of the work — was initialled by Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein and U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering.

But the project's detractors saw it as a moment of folly. "They've moved too fast. The necessary guarantees are not in the contract," said a representative of a group of big Israeli companies who believe more should have been squeezed out of the Americans.

By all accounts, Treasury and Justice Ministry officials too, were unhappy. They had tried to delay the

Bernard Josephs

initialling ceremony, but managed only to hold it up for two hours, until the codicil was agreed on.

Alster had no doubts. "This is going to be a major contribution to the economy and especially for the Arava. It will bring jobs and money to the area."

THE IDEA for a VOA transmitter in Israel, to help overcome Soviet jamming of its broadcasts to Russia, was broached by President Reagan in a personal letter to Peres in 1984.

Reagan had declared that the modernization and expansion of U.S. broadcasts overseas was a major priority. And Israel was geographically well suited for such a project.

Peres replied by pointing out that agreeing to such a proposal could cause "further persecution of Soviet-Jewish activists." But, by the following October, the prime minister told the president he would push the idea through.

By then the negotiations were well underway. And the main disagreement within Israel centred not so much on whether a VOA station here was politically wise, but whether the country would receive a sufficient share of the development goodies.

ALSTER, who headed the Israeli negotiating team, was convinced that the best possible agreement had

been obtained. He said: "What must be remembered is that the agreement also has to be ratified in the U.S. and so I had to accept the American request that all tenders should be issued under free and open competition."

"I understand that some people were frightened that U.S. companies would have the advantage — although from a practical point of view I would have thought the opposite to be true."

"But let me be frank. The agreement is the result of negotiations. There had to be give-and-take and the logical restraints of the U.S. negotiators — that the tenders be open to competition — had to be taken into account. The Americans were as generous as they could be."

There had been intense lobbying from industry and from government opponents of the scheme, said Alster. He had held meetings with Arava settlers, most of whom, he believed, were satisfied with the deal.

He was not surprised that there had been disagreements, he continued, but he thought the noise generated by those opposed to the agreement had been out of proportion.

Alster had little respect for the tactics employed by critics of the deal. He said: "I think if somebody has a criticism then this should be discussed by ministers and brought to the cabinet."

"When we were first attacked, we didn't go public with our case because we thought the cabinet should discuss it first. But our critics (Alster preferred not to name them) went to the media and we were forced to defend ourselves by doing the same."

It was an uncomfortable and unpleasant experience, said Alster, referring to his TV confrontation last week with Arava settlers' activist Ilan Oren.

"I don't like to criticize others," he went on, "but some of those opposed to the agreement came out with disproportionate remarks that were picked up by the media. Thus, the issue has been given more emphasis than it warrants."

ALSTER pointed out that the codicil guaranteeing that at least half the contracts for the giant relay facility will go to Israeli companies means a \$150m. bonanza for local industry.

In addition to this, he said, more people would have to be employed to build roads, set up telecommunications and electricity networks and dig giant earthworks. These people would, in turn, demand housing and services which would have to be provided locally.

There is no doubt that for the settlers in particular this is going to be a good thing, asserted Alster. "They agreed with this when we sat around the table to discuss the project."

"Of course this doesn't mean they might not want more. But the existing offer is good and what it will contribute to the Arava should not be brushed aside."

Alster said that jobs at the relay station itself will also go mainly to Israeli technicians. And, he added, Israel Radio has the right to use the facility whenever it is not being used by VOA.

He preferred not to say where such Israeli broadcasts would be aimed. But no doubt, the fact that the station will give Kol Yisrael a better chance of beating the Kremlin's jammers was also weighed in the negotiations.

A goose with many golden eggs

Asher Wallfish

CHARGES THAT the construction of a Voice of America relay station in the Arava will be detrimental to the settlers there, and will give preference to American contractors, over Israeli firms, are short on information and long on insularity, it seems to this correspondent. For the electronic and industrial lobbies, as well as the Arava settlers, seem to regard the VOA as a goose which can lay an infinite number of golden eggs.

The charges that the establishment of the station was a raw deal for Israeli businessmen and local farmers so rarely refer to the proposed terms of the agreement between the Israeli and the United States governments that they seem mostly propelled by hot air, and wishful thinking.

The Post went to officials involved in drafting the terms, and found that while by and large the draft was the product of a tough negotiation between Washington and Jerusalem, Israeli interests both public and private were very far from being at a disadvantage.

Since the Israeli building and electronic lobbies and the Arava settlers have harnessed the Finance and Justice ministries to their wagon, the terms of the draft which are apparently weighted in favour of Israel, and were so far acceptable to the American side, may yet be challenged in Washington.

But before the latest fuss about the VOA relay erupted here, the draft specified that "the U.S. government will endeavour to assure, that to the maximum feasible extent, the establishment and operation of the radio facility shall be carried out by Israeli entities... to the benefit of Israel's economy."

All contracts, other than for the design of the facility, are to be awarded "in accordance with Israeli laws, regulations, and executive or administrative directives, provided that these contracts are awarded on the basis of non-discriminatory full and open competition between Israeli and American firms," according to the draft.

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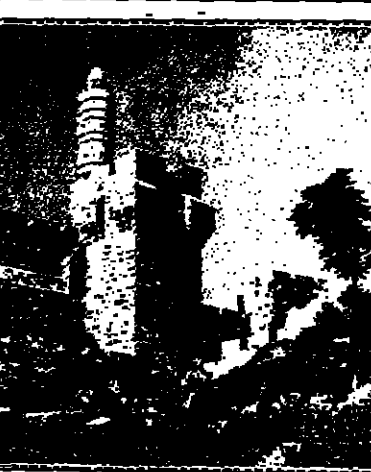
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'A low reward for a politically dangerous project'

AVI TEMKIN

THE CONSENSUS among economic decision makers is that in economic terms the proposed agreement on the construction and running of a giant Voice of America relay station is not one Israel should be proud of. There is a firm belief, both at the Treasury and in the private sector, that the Americans are going to pay too low a price for what for Israel could be a politically dangerous project.

It was this consensus that forced Israel to engage in intensive last-minute negotiations with the U.S. before it could initial the proposed agreement.

"The revised agreement apparently promised us at least 50 per cent of the contracts, and the Communications Ministry called this a victory. In reality we should have got close to 100 per cent of the project; there was nothing to celebrate," one of the critics said this week. He added that since those were the conditions of the revised accord, the original agreement promised us much less.

CRITICS OF the accord refer to agreements the U.S. signed with Great Britain and Germany on the establishment of similar stations. There were "turn key" accords—the stations were built and are run by the host countries which then lease the transmitting services to the U.S.

"The U.S. offered us an accord suitable for an underdeveloped country, not the kind of country with an industrial and technological infrastructure like ours," a Treasury official said this week. "They simply ignored the fact that we have built in the past—and are currently running—similar transmitters."

There are several estimates about how much will be spent in the construction of the station. The difference stems from different forecasts about how much money will be spent in Israel. The figures range from \$150 million to \$300m. "Under clauses of the original accord we would have got no more than \$60m, to \$70m," a Treasury official said.

BUSINESSMEN and civil servants are concentrating on two main

aspects when looking at the accord. First is the issue of the tenders. The building of the relay station is an American project, far more important to the U.S. than to Israel. In fact, it is very possible that politically Israel would be better off without it. Thus Israel should not be concerned with how to build the transmitters in the most inexpensive way possible, but rather how to get the most out of the given situation.

Thus, even if the "turn key" approach was turned down, the Communications Ministry should have insisted on giving contracts to Israeli companies even if they are 10 to 15 per cent more expensive than the American firms. Such a practice is current custom abroad, and there is no reason why the Communications Ministry should not have implemented it in this case as well.

The second aspect of the agreement was the tax exemptions granted to the Americans. Treasury officials say that under the accord the project will be exempt from the Value Added Tax. On a project of \$300m., the Treasury will lose some \$45m. The agreement also stipulated a 15-year tax exempt period during which the government will lose revenue from not collecting taxes.

Even though the agreement was initiated, the Treasury has made it clear that it will not give up easily. Money for the project will pass through the state budget as earmarked funds, and thus the budget regulations will apply to them. These regulations demand that Israeli companies be given a clear preference when placing orders for projects financed from the budget, and the ministry plans to stick to the letter of these regulations.

But why did the Communications Ministry agree to the agreement? The answer, it appears, lies in the kind of mentality known to those familiar with similar projects. The ministry men started negotiating about the transmitters as representatives of the State of Israel. Soon they forgot this, and started thinking about themselves as representatives of the project. The relay station became an end in itself.

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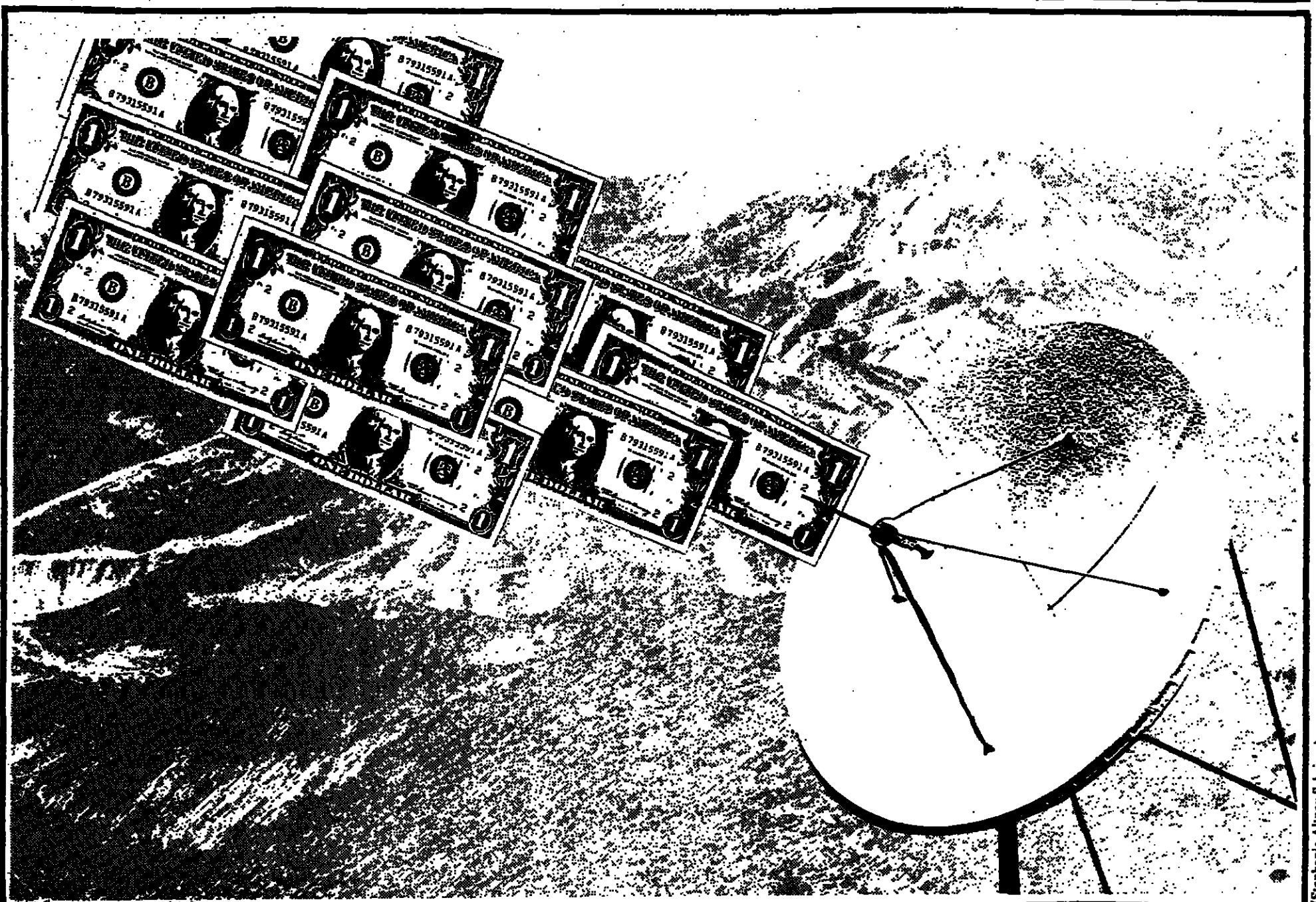
(Continued from preceding page.) Arab boycott issue, rather than diminish its significance.

Officials involved in drafting the agreement recall that when American firms were sent over to the Negev to build air bases after Camp David, they were exempt from Israeli law and regulations. They did not intend to repeat this practice with the VOA relay station, they said.

Some officials here believe that for technical reasons, the various

tenders involved in the design stage will probably be won by joint American-Israeli partnerships.

There is little fear that the American bodies who vet the design tenders will decide according to subjective considerations. The Post was told. In any case, the handling of public tenders is open to such intense public scrutiny in the U.S. that the acceptance of any tender which proves not to have been the best, as well as the lowest, will encounter rough sailing.



A threat to the environment

The Jerusalem Post's Abraham Rabinovich gets the view of ecologists, and asks why the VOA station should go up here.

THE VOICE of America relay station to be erected in the Arava will have one of the most powerful environmental impacts of any project ever undertaken in Israel, with more than a score of antennas, most of them two-thirds the height of the Empire State Building, intruding into the landscape and posing hazards of possibly catastrophic dimensions to millions of migrating birds vital to the eco-systems of three continents.

The agreement to erect the VOA station was initiated in Jerusalem this week with the Israeli public—and environmental authorities—virtually ignorant of the project's environmental implications.

Environmentalists are concerned about the possibly disastrous effects of powerful radio emissions on the birds migrating through the Arava each spring and fall on the major migratory route between Europe, Asia and Africa.

In addition, the massing of giant antennas in the flat Arava valley will have an overwhelming impact on the landscape, an aspect that has not been touched on in public discussion, hitherto focused exclusively on the project's economic and political aspects.

The 22-24 antennas linked to sixteen 500kw. transmitters operating at different shortwave frequencies, are to be 160-200 metres high—the equivalent of 53 70-storey buildings. The highest building in Israel is the Shalom Tower in Tel Aviv which is 36 stories. The antennas will not be narrow "whip antennas" but "net antennas" in which electronic nets will be stretched 50 to 150 metres between pairs of towers, thus magnifying the impact on the desert landscape.

The station was initially expected to cover 8,000 dunams adjacent to Moshav Idan in the central Arava, but a Communications Ministry official told *The Jerusalem Post* that topographic conditions will probably necessitate expanding this area by about 50 per cent for a coverage of about six square kilometres. The road to Eilat in this area is to be shifted westward six to seven kilometres to make way for the station.

REPORTEDLY the second most powerful transmission station to be erected by the VOA anywhere in the world, the Arava installation is aimed at penetrating the Iron Curtain and reaching audiences throughout Soviet Asia as well as covering East Africa. The station

will also relay broadcasts from Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty to the Soviet Union. Satellites will beam broadcasts from the United States and Europe to the Arava station for transmission.

The only public concern to be expressed thus far about the environmental impact of the project has focused on its possible effect on migratory birds, particularly the possibility that the station's emissions might "jam" the birds' mysterious navigation system much as the Soviets attempt to jam the VOA.

"Millions of birds pass through the Arava," says Yossi Lesheim of the Society for the Preservation of Nature. "We're particularly concerned about possible impact on birds of prey like buzzards and eagles." If such a bird population is significantly affected, this presumably would mean that the wheat fields of the Ukraine and other parts of Europe recovering from the Chernobyl disaster would be seriously affected by rodents.

In an internal document prepared for the society, conservationist Bill Clark warns that the birds' navigational ability could be disrupted by the powerful radio-frequency electro-magnetic (rfem) radiation that would be emitted by the installation. "If it develops that serious environmental hazards exist and modern technology is incapable of mitigating or eliminating them, the project should be resisted with all available energy," wrote Clark.

Scientists still do not understand the mechanism which permits birds to migrate thousands of kilometres each year between nesting places in Europe or Asia and the same tree in Africa. However, experiments suggest that the birds are guided by a geomagnetic perception. Pigeons carrying magnets, for instance, became disoriented when released on overcast days. Clark warns that the birds' orientation could be disrupted by rfem "jamming." In addition, he says, exposure to massive rfem radiation could pose physical dangers to the migrating birds.

In a meeting last December with officials of the society, VOA officials said that no study had yet been carried out on the possibility of damage to migrating birds from radio emissions. Such a study is to be

included in an environmental impact statement on the planned Arava station to be drawn up by an Israeli government unit. Tomer, set up by the Communications Ministry to oversee the entire VOA project.

IT IS ONLY in the past decade that environmentalists have come to realize Israel's importance as a migration route for birds from a vast area stretching from Central Europe to West Asia. Large predators, as well as storks and pelicans whose wing structure does not permit them to flap their way over large bodies of water as do small song birds, follow the narrow land bridge over Israel to winter in Africa, riding the thermal currents rising from the ground during the day and landing for the night. The proposed Idan site lies just outside the main migration route but a shift in the prevailing winds or an overcast day could easily bring the birds into the VOA transmission area, say environmentalists.

The Arava station is part of a global VOA plan to modernize existing transmission stations and introduce new ones where needed. One of Washington's aims is to make it easier to overcome Soviet jamming with a profusion of strategically placed transmitters. The Israeli government was not enthusiastic about the suggestion when it was broached by Washington because of the tensions the project would likely cause with Moscow and its possible adverse effect on Soviet Jewry. However, in the context of Israel's dependence on Washington and recent embassies such as the Pollard spy affair which have strained relations between the two countries, Jerusalem saw no possibility of saying no.

Once the government made its decision last year, the project was accepted as a *force majeure* by all relevant public bodies. Even the residents of the Arava found it possible to drop their concerns about the physical impact on their backyard with daydreams—possibly realistic ones—about the economic upsurge the region would experience from the multi-million project and the increase in the meagre population of the central Arava when the station is manned. A decade ago, the sophisticated farming settlements of the

Arava gave the region the highest per capita income in the country. However, the difficulties encountered by the agricultural sector in recent years have affected the Arava as well.

The Israeli public, for whom the Arava is part of its meagre living space, will have no legal say on whether or not the station should be built. Designated as a national project, the VOA proposal will be discussed only by the National Planning Council—a closed forum made up mostly of government representatives—and not by local and district planning commissions where objections can be registered by the public. The plan will be drawn up in consultation with the VOA by Tomer headed by Aluf Reuven Yeredor, who has been seconded to the Communications Ministry from the army for this purpose. The government unit has asked the Israeli architect designing the antennas to attempt to make them into landscape "sculptures."

Israel appears ready, after four years of agonizing, to risk surrendering Tabat to Egypt by agreeing to an arbitration process. At Idan, it has

agreed with hardly any discussion at all to surrender by long-term lease six times as much territory to a U.S. agency—and to impinge visually and perhaps in other ways on much vaster surrounding tracts. All this not to advance the peace process as with Tabat but for the sake of improving VOA reception in the Soviet Union and elsewhere.

It is not altogether clear why the station could not be put up 100 kilometres away in Saudi Arabia whose relations with Washington are similarly warm and whose territory is many times greater.

If Israel were the size of New Mexico instead of New Jersey, it could perhaps afford to be generous in leasing land to friendly nations. In the circumstances, both sides might well pause to rethink the importance of the relay station against its ecological impact.

It may be proven in the end that the antennas not only enhance the desert landscape but provide convenient roosts for migrating eagles and perhaps even improve the quality of television reception in Eilat, and that the Arava relay station would provide significant messages of hope to foreign populations that could not otherwise be reached. But a claustrophobic people with as small a backyard as Israel's at least deserves a convincing explanation of why it is being asked to surrender a fair chunk of it to its rich and generous uncle.

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Following protests all over the world, the Catholic Church may be having second thoughts on a proposal to build a convent at Auschwitz. The idea originated in the Polish church, which argued that Auschwitz had become 'in a sense, a new holy place for all mankind.' The Jerusalem Post's Brussels correspondent gives the background here, and a rabbi and a leftist MK express their views.



Second thoughts on idea for 'Auschwitz convent'

Yossi Lempkowicz/Brussels

JEWISH-CATHOLIC relations have undoubtedly been highlighted this year by the visit, last March, of Pope John Paul II to the Rome synagogue, which aroused hopes for a more meaningful dialogue between Jews and Christians. At the same time, however, relations have been seriously strained by the controversy over the building of a Carmelite convent on the site of the Auschwitz death camp, a move that has triggered anger and protests among world Jewry which considers the project a "sacrilege."

The idea to build the convent originated in Poland. It is the brainchild of the archbishop of Cracow, Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, who succeeded John Paul II when the latter was elected pope. Last year, 10 Polish Carmelites were authorized by Cardinal Macharski, whose diocese is responsible for the Auschwitz-Birkenau sites, to occupy a former theatre used by the Nazis as a warehouse for vats of Zyklon-B gas that killed thousands of Jews.

The controversy erupted when it became clear that the settling of the Carmelites was to be permanent and that work had begun to modify the site. Money for the building had been raised from various sources: other Carmelite convents in the

world and Catholic aid institutions, such as the Belgian "Aid to Church in Distress" which collected large sums of money during the pope's visit in the Benelux countries last year. Despite the campaign against the convent launched in the Jewish world, the Catholic Church seemed deaf to the repeated appeals, sometimes also coming from Catholic circles, that the building of a convent in Auschwitz, a symbol of the Holocaust, was "an unbearable interference in their [Jews'] mourning."

Jewish official delegations travelled to Poland in an effort to convince the Polish church to give up the idea of a convent. Last December, on a private visit to Warsaw, Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, raised the issue with the Polish religious minister, Adam Lopatka. The answer the minister reportedly gave Bronfman was that "the Jews were exterminated in Birkenau, not in Auschwitz," and that "deportees from all nationalities and all confessions perished there."

The Polish church also referred to two Catholic saints, Father Maximilian Kolbe and a Jewish-born Carmelite, Edith Stein, who lost their lives in Auschwitz. Other arguments used by the archbishop of Cracow was that the convent was located outside the area of the death camp and that it had a "pastoral" function for future Polish generations.

JOHN PAUL II's visit to the Rome synagogue provided an opportunity for Jewish leaders to discuss the problem at the highest level. But, according to well informed sources, the pope refused to speak about the convent during an audience with the president of the Italian Jewish communities, Tullia Zevi. For his part, Cardinal Macharski, in an article published by the Vatican daily *Osservatore Romano*, officially presented the Carmelite convent as "a sign of love stronger than the evil."

According to the archbishop of Cracow, who is said to have an important influence on the pope, "Auschwitz became, in a sense, a new holy place which belongs to all mankind and to every people."

In view of the intransigence shown

by the Polish prelate, five European chief rabbis last March addressed a letter to the pope. Sir Immanuel Jakobovits (Britain), Rene-Samuel Sirat (France), Max Warschawski (Strasbourg), Moses Rosen (Romania), and Mordechai Piron (Zurich) wrote: "The name of Auschwitz is really synonymous with the Holocaust and the fact that this place could serve as a religious pilgrimage would be seen as a painful and grave offence." They also recalled that 10 years ago the Polish authorities refused to authorize the construction of a Jewish oratory at Auschwitz under the pretext that "prayer is universal and should not be reserved to a single confession."

SOME PEOPLE in the Catholic Church have concluded that the controversy and misunderstandings around the convent could endanger already sensitive Jewish-Catholic relations after great efforts had been made to improve them. The archbishop of Lyon, Cardinal Albert Decourtray, told French Radio that "for world opinion and for myself, Auschwitz is the symbol of the Holocaust, the attempt to exterminate the Jewish people. Such an affliction has conferred upon the Jewish people, through its martyrs, a particular

dignity. Building a Carmelite convent at Auschwitz would, in my view, be an affront to their dignity."

ALL THIS pressure from both the Jewish and Christian sides appears to have been effective. Two weeks ago, Cardinal Macharski paid a 48-hour visit to Jerusalem during which he spent several hours at the Yad Vashem memorial and spoke about the issue of the convent with the memorial director, Yitzhak Arad. The Polish cardinal reportedly made important concessions.

One week later, high level Catholic and Jewish representatives met in total secrecy in Geneva to initiate a dialogue on the controversial issue. In addition to Cardinal Macharski, also present at the "summit" on the Catholic side were: Cardinal Godfried Danneels, primate of Belgium; Albert Decourtray of Lyon; Jean-Marie Lustiger, the Jewish-born archbishop of Paris; Father Stanislas Musial, member of the Polish Episcopal Commission for Relations with Judaism; and Prof. Herzy Turowicz, of the Catholic Polish weekly *Tygodnik Powszechny*. On the Jewish side were the chief rabbi of France, Rene-Samuel Sirat, the presidents of the Jewish organizations in Italy, France and Belgium, and Edy Steg, chairman of the Universal Jewish Alliance. The summit ended with the publication of a joint declaration entitled "Zachor, Remember," in which the participants noted their common desire to take into account "the indisputable reality of the symbolic character of the Auschwitz extermination camps, monument and memory of the Holocaust."

Auschwitz and Birkenau, the declaration adds, are the symbolic places of the Final Solution in the name of which the Nazis exterminated six million Jews, among them 1.5 million children, only because they were Jews. However, the declaration remains vague about the building of the Carmelite convent. It only states that the first concrete measures have been taken "in order to continue the dialogue and draw up definitely satisfactory terms with respect for the (Auschwitz) site."

According to well informed Catholic sources, Cardinal Macharski pledged that the renovation at the Auschwitz old theatre, where the Carmelites are staying, has been stopped. Cardinal Godfried Danneels' secretary told *The Jerusalem Post* that "no change would be made" until another summit meeting.

"The central nave of the former theatre will remain similar to what it was before the arrival of the Carmelites in order to emphasize the temporary character of their settling," he added, stressing however that "no final decision has been made regarding the departure of the 10 Polish Carmelites from Auschwitz." Emphasizing the fact that not only Jews, but also Poles, Gypsies and Soviet prisoners of war were killed at Auschwitz and Birkenau, the declaration stipulates clearly that the death camp site is located "on Polish Christian ground."

Church 'annexation' of the camps

Asher Wallfish

MAPAM MK Chaika Grossman accuses the Catholic Church of "annexing" the concentration camps.

The former ghetto fighter and partisan, who has lived on a left-wing Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz since settling in this country after World War II, told *The Jerusalem Post*: "The Jewish world is up in arms, observant and secular Jews alike, over the future of a graveyard: a graveyard called Auschwitz."

"The Auschwitz convent idea was born during the pope's visit to the Low Countries two years ago," she noted. "The Association for Aid to the Church in Distress conceived the project as a gesture to the pope. This group, which operates mainly on behalf of the Christian establishment in the Communist countries, felt that a Carmelite convent could become a centre of atonement for the evils committed against mankind during the Nazi period."

Grossman noted that although, after intensive lobbying, the Polish authorities granted the group permission to set up the project in May 1984, the matter only became public knowledge in October 1985, when the convent was already a *fait accompli*.

"THE SITE of the Carmelite convent is close to the so-called 'Wall of Death' near Block Two," she said. "Two Jewish converts to Christianity were killed on that spot by the Nazis: Father Maximilian Kolbe, and Sister Edith Stein. In later years, both were canonized."

"The building taken over by the Carmelite convent was completed just before war broke out, as the Auschwitz town theatre. But no theatrical performances were ever staged there. The only drama witnessed there was the slaughter of four million 'innocents' as they are

described in Catholic Church documents about the convent project.

Grossman said that the building the Carmelite sisters have turned into a convent "was used by the SS to store the Zyklon-B poison gas they employed for extermination purposes."

Quoting from church documents, she said that "eight Carmelite nuns are at present dwelling in the cold, bare building, praying for those who lost their lives at the camp and suffering on behalf of those still living, as they build a sacred symbol of love and peace, in testimony to the victorious power of the cross of Jesus Christ."

The convent's message was that the souls of only the Christian victims at Auschwitz were saved.

THE CONVENT was established, said Grossman, "in order to put over a theological message, whereby 'the souls of the Christians who died at Auschwitz, including Jews who converted to Christianity, were saved.' But not so the souls of the two and a half to three million Jews, including the million and half children, who perished there. According to the church material, the sisters pray to atone for the sins of those who died without their souls being saved."

"I have even heard of a legend current among the more naive Polish Christians in the neighbourhood, which talks of the anger of Satan, because the two Jews who con-



Chaika Grossman (Uzi Keren)

verted, Kolbe and Stein, were snatched from his clutches."

ACCORDING to Grossman, when the Catholic Church found that its Auschwitz project was going successfully "it got permission from the Polish government to build a chapel and a mausoleum at the Sobibor camp, where some 250,000 Jews were gassed to death."

She said that it was the Capucine monastic order that took the Sobibor project upon itself. In its appeal to solicit funds for the project, the order promised to pray for the souls of the donors, and for the souls of the Jews who were slaughtered at the camp.

Grossman commented bitterly: "I can only agree with a good friend of mine who survived Auschwitz, and who described the Catholic Church's activities as a campaign to convert the Jewish victims of the Holocaust to Christianity, after their death."

GROSSMAN recalled that the chief rabbis of several European Jewish communities protested vigorously against the presence of the convent, sent delegations to the Vatican, and were joined by the World Jewish Congress. "But the government of Israel was silent. The chief rabbis of Israel had nothing to say."

"I sent a sharp protest of my own to the pope, without telling the media about it," said the Warsaw ghetto fighter. "The pope did not reply. I never had any illusions that he would."

She asked rhetorically: "Perhaps I have become the Don Quixote of the Jewish state? But one thing is certain: Israel is now on the sidelines of the Jewish experience, and not at the centre of the Jewish world, where we would wish it to be."

A 'fraud and a distortion of history'

Menachem Shalev



Rabbi Israel Lau (Uzi Keren)

"And thou shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit unto the Lord thy God; and it shall be a heap forever, it shall not be built again."

Deuteronomy: 13, 17

Netanya's Chief Rabbi Israel Lau, a survivor of Buchenwald, believes that the biblical punishment for towns who have served foreign gods, is doubly apt for the abomination called Auschwitz.

"Any building built there would only serve to blur the traces and meaning of the place," he says. He is particularly incensed by the proposed plan to build a convent on the site. "This is a far greater travesty, considering our long historical account with the man who was the shepherd of all the monks and nuns during the Holocaust—the pope."

"The building of a convent at Auschwitz is a continuation of the fraud and distortion of history. The Poles always refer to 'Polish citizens' who were exterminated, never to Jews. This distortion is in line with the teachings of the 150 or so pseudo-scientific books which have proven that the Holocaust never took place at all."

Lau dismisses the claims of the "universality" of the Auschwitz experience. "Imagine if you could ask one of the hundreds of thousands of Jews who perished how he feels about the fact that instead of a Star of David, a cross is erected at Auschwitz. The very same cross in whose name and through whose silence many of the killings occurred."

"What sort of prayers will the nuns say? Will someone censor them? Pope John XXIII unsuccessfully tried to delete all references to the guilt of the Jews from their prayers. Is this what is meant by

universality? On the contrary, it is like rubbing salt on our wounds. The bare patch at Auschwitz should never be erased. Nuns praying at the site only blur the fact that what occurred there was a deliberate attempt at the genocide of a people."

Lau bemoans the lack of a public outcry in Israel. He himself was only informed of the matter by a Foreign Ministry official in early June, just a few days before leaving for Switzerland to address the annual conference of European rabbis.

Once there, Lau found his audience already abuzz with talk of the convent. "As Europeans," he says, "the rabbis are naturally close both to the phenomenon of Auschwitz and to the phenomenon of convents."

Lau, however, is not surprised by the Israeli public's indifference. "It's a matter of basic insensitivity. Look at what we've been preoccupied with during the last month. How many hours did our television devote to Mondial and the Mundobasket? And yet there are always difficulties in getting the television to devote just one evening a year to the Holocaust."

"Most people here tend not to want to identify with the Jews who were 'led like sheep to the slaughter.' They find it unpleasant. We glorify the 'heroes'."

Lau believes that a praying place for all three monotheistic religions, or even just a synagogue, are out of place at Auschwitz. "It might be appropriate to have a place where a Jew can pay his respects to the memory of his people," he says. Otherwise, Lau believes, the desolation at Auschwitz is sacred, and any building—especially a convent—sacrilege.



Taba: Gateway or cul de sac?

THE TABA argument finally seems headed towards resolution — if arbitration can be called resolution. For months, negotiators from Israel, Egypt and the U.S. have been bickering about comas and full-stops, the tone often being more reflective of internal Egyptian and Israeli political power-struggles than the actual issues in question.

In Cairo, a faction within the government identified with President Mubarak's adviser, Osama el-Baz, preferred Taba to remain an open issue: a source of contention between Israel and Egypt that was a convenient lever in Egypt's relations vis à vis the Arab world. In Jerusalem, Yitzhak Shamir, and many others, felt that there was no need for Israel to make any more concessions until the Egyptians honoured their commitments, such as returning their ambassador to Tel Aviv.

But in the end, it seems, the pragmatism of Shimon Peres and Hosni Mubarak, aided by shutting U.S. envoy Abner Sofaer and the real political needs of the two leaders, won out. Peres has only a few weeks left to him as Israel's prime minister and a summit with Mubarak is an urgent imperative for him. Mubarak

Sadat's spirit was foundering in a sea of comas and full-stops, the massive demonstrations organized by Peace Now had a major influence on Menachem Begin's determination not to allow the spark of hope ignited by Sadat to die. Many of the most ardent supporters of Peace Now were also some of the most ardent lovers of the Sinai. They were also the main victims of Ras Burka.

IF AGREEMENT is reached, and the Taba negotiators shake hands and raise their glasses for a job well done, they will have completed less than half their task unless the documents include explicit understandings about the rest of Sinai. Thus new opportunity to revitalize the peace process will be grossly under-utilized if it is not used to rectify the failure of the 1981 and 1982 agreements, which finally wrapped up the peace accords, to define clearly what was allowed and what was not.

The agreements, having been signed by bureaucrats who stubbornly refused all offers of expert advice, failed to take into account either the topographical or the marine realities of the region. They left too much room for decision-making at the

Herish Goodman/Defence Correspondent

has economic catastrophe on his hands, and his need for good relations with an increasingly impatient and frustrated American administration is equally essential. Hence the progress on the talks these past few days.

But what after Taba? After the ceremony and the fanfare are over, will Israel again be able to visit Sinai, or will Taba remain the dead-end it has been since the Ras Burka massacres? Will Sinai diving sites be more accessible, or will boats be fired at as they have been on several occasions, or boarded by screaming soldiers who have ensured that hundreds of tourists who came to the Red Sea to relax will never return to this part of the world again?

Does resolution of the Taba dispute, despite all the legal wrangling over the minutiae of the terms of reference, mean that the beaches of Dahab and Nuweiba, or the interior, like Santa Catherina and Mount Sinai, will be open to safe, unharassed Israeli tourism? Or that the hotel at Nuweiba will be able to order butter from Eilat, half an hour away, rather than serve butter turned rancid on its journey from Cairo hundreds of hot kilometres away?

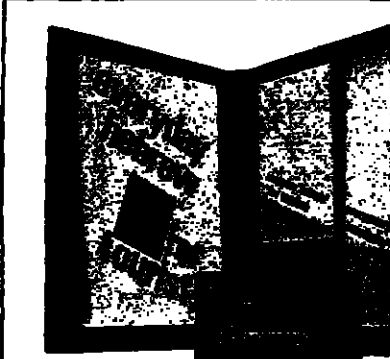
One can appreciate the larger picture that Taba is but one tiny cog in a huge machine of Middle East realities and that the resolution of the dispute over it will bring us nearer to peace. But it is also a reality that unless Taba becomes a psychological bridge over the terrible Sinai experiences of the past, few here will continue to believe in peace. In the early stages of the Israeli-

Egyptian peace process, when lowest levels of local command, where attitudes to visiting Israelis were dictated by the mood of the commander of a particular area at the time. The agreements said nothing about Israeli tourist access to internationally recognized and ecologically unique diving sites. Tariffs and port fees, permissible anchorages, legal camping and dive sites, and closed military areas, were changed weekly, making for constant friction. To the point where Red Sea tourism, both Israeli and foreign, has dwindled to almost nothing.

ONE OF THE problems about Israel's being able to translate the current Taba momentum into anything meaningful in terms of a new age in Sinai, is probably the fact that Peres is far more anxious than the Egyptians for the issue to be resolved.

Until this point, according to knowledgeable sources, Israel has been making all the concessions and the Egyptians causing all the delays. It is therefore highly unlikely that Prime Minister Peres, with the clock ticking more insistently in his ear with each passing day, will want to delay the Taba agreement pending resolution of the wider issues.

The result is likely to be that while Egypt may again have an unwilling ambassador in Tel Aviv, and Shimon Peres and Hosni Mubarak may hold a summit meeting that may in turn lead to a degree or two more warmth in bilateral relations, the Sinai, supposed to have been a bridge to peace, remains essentially off-limits.



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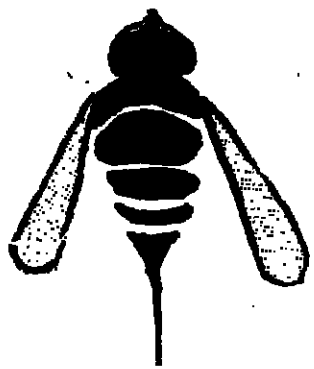
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The arms dealer who says he was set up

The Post's Yoram Gazit and Roy Isacowitz tell of the background to the arrest of a group of Israelis in Bermuda on charges of arms-smuggling. They quote a letter from one of the accused, William Northrop, and discuss the suggestion that the men were trapped by U.S. agents in a classic "Sting" operation.



ISRAELIS seem to have a faculty for getting into trouble in strange places and in odd circumstances. Remember the three Israelis who were found in a large wooden carton at a London airport, tending a drugged Nigerian fugitive. They are currently serving prison terms in England.

The most recent case is that of the Bermuda Five, arrested on the fairytale Caribbean island in April for illegal entry, and now held in New York on charges of attempting to sell \$2.5 billion-worth of military equipment to Iran. If convicted, they face up to 50 years in prison, which is almost as impressive as the Israeli drug smugglers serving 100 years in a Thai jail.

In fact, only three of the Bermuda Five are Israelis. One is a London-based American lawyer and another is Israeli by self-adoption, though not by registration. The three Israelis are Avraham Bar-Am, a brigadier-general in the reserves, and Rabbi Israel Eisenberg and his son Guri. The American who considers himself an Israeli is William Northrop, a member of the great aircraft manufacturing clan.

Northrop is the odd man out in the Bermuda Five: an American by birth, he is now charged with attempting to sell arms to the most disliked of all America's foes. An Israeli resident for the past three years, he has been ignored and virtually disowned (publicly, at least) by the Israeli authorities.

IN A LETTER this week to *The Jerusalem Post*, the first contact the Israeli media have had with the accused since their arrest, Northrop describes his predicament: "The Israelis say that I do not belong to them and the Americans say that I have forsaken my homeland." "Being in that position confers a perspective that few people have," he writes.

The known details of William Northrop's biography are sketchy. He was born to an American Jewish parents, though his father, an air force pilot, had been killed in World War II by the time he was born. Shortly after, his mother married, and he was adopted by one of the Northrops, the brother of the founder of the company.

He was brought up in a manner worthy of a Northrop, culminating in studies at a military academy and service with a special

parachute unit in Vietnam, where he was badly wounded.

Being a Northrop, he is reputedly heir to a small fortune, but he is apparently not a favorite of the clan. He has been known to describe himself as the black sheep of the family, and the Northrops have reportedly been less than generous in their support during his current crisis.

One cause of the bad blood is his attachment to Israel, which began in the Seventies, when he first visited this country on business. Business then, as now, was the sale of military equipment and arms. Several years ago, Northrop met and married a Beersheba girl, Paulina, and the couple have lived in Ramat Hasharon for the past three years.

BY THE SOUND of the letter, Israel has seldom had a more dedicated son. Writing from his prison cell, Northrop says that "the same fire that took me to Israel three years ago still burns brightly in me today." Elsewhere in the letter he writes that his years in Israel "have been the best of my

life. The wonderful people of Ramat Hasharon took me in and made me a part of their community."

Yet Northrop also betrays a certain distance from Israel, often using the pronoun "you," when he could have written "we." He also reveals a palpable fear that Israel will desert him — a fear which, he says, the Americans have been attempting assiduously to instill in him.

He concludes his letter with a warning: "No amount of American aid money is worth the sacred honour of the Jewish people or the State of Israel. If you do not become independent you will be reduced to a nation of beggars — which, by the way, is how the American government currently views Israel. When one Jew is sacrificed in the name of a 'special relationship' with a foreign power, whether it is Jonathan Pollard, his wife or the four of us, you are selling out the very soul of Israel and mortgaging your future to chance."

THE STORY of what exactly happened on the way to Bermuda will only be clarified

during the trial. What already appears to be clear, from Northrop's letter and other sources, is that Bar-Am, Northrop and co. were trapped in a classic "Sting" operation (after the movie of that name) sprung by the U.S. law-enforcement authorities.

For several years now, the Iranians have been hawking a lavish list of military items to prospective suppliers. Iran might have the psychological edge in its war with Iraq, but it is in desperate need of new weaponry and spare parts for its U.S.-manufactured equipment.

The Iranian procurement effort operates out of London, using the services of roving agents. One of the Iranian arms procurers, a certain Cyrus Ashami, was apparently apprehended by the Americans while playing his trade on U.S. territory. Rather than face the music, he agreed to act as a decoy in the "Sting" operation, making contact, supposedly on behalf of the Iranian government, with the Bar-Am consortium.

Northrop discloses little in his letter. But he admits to being contacted by the "ira-

nians" (in fact, Ashami and his handlers) and to giving quotations on Israeli-manufactured merchandise. He also admits to certifying, at the request of his clients, that the merchandise was American-made.

The distinction is crucial. The U.S. forbids the sales of American merchandise to Iran, but cannot prevent the sale of equipment from other countries. Northrop and his colleagues are charged with conspiracy to sell American equipment to Iran. In his letter he admits to quoting only on Israeli equipment.

With the deal confirmed, the principals were invited to New York to sign the contract at the Iranian mission to the United Nations. That, Northrop says, they refused to do. He does not give a reason, but it's likely that they were aware that they were liable to arrest if they set foot in the U.S.

They were then invited to sign the contract in Bermuda. On arrival at the island, however, they found themselves detained for illegal entry, a move clearly coordinated between the Bermudan and U.S. authorities.

After a month-long court tussle, they were deported from Bermuda aboard a plane that happened to be refueling in the U.S. As soon as the plane touched down, they were arrested.

THE ISRAELI military authorities have stoutly denied any connection with the deal, notwithstanding Bar-Am's assertion, soon after his arrest, that a connection did exist. It was later revealed that Bar-Am did deal in arms with the authority of the defence minister — though that does not mean that he was authorized to conclude the deal with the Iranians.

Dozens of Israeli arms dealers are in possession of a general letter of authorization from the defence minister. But each specific deal requires specific authorization, and there has been no evidence to date to suggest that such authorization was given in this case.

Northrop makes no mention of official Israeli involvement in the operation. He stresses, however, that the Americans either suspect such involvement or would like to fabricate evidence to prove its existence. The Americans, he says, "want another Pollard case."

His letter raises several questions. Take, for example, the statement that he was persuaded to go to Bermuda by a "(Iranian) promise of help on the release of four POWs held by the Shi'ites in Lebanon."

The Shi'ites do not hold four Israeli POWs, but they could be holding two. If such a promise was indeed made (and it's clear that Northrop and his associates were convinced that their Iranian partners were genuine), it strains credibility to believe that a man of Bar-Am's military connections would not have brought it to the notice of the Israeli authorities.

CYRUS ASHAMI, the Iranian front-man, died last week in London in suspicious circumstances. The optimism of the suspects' families that Ashami's death would mean the end of the prosecution's case was dispelled earlier this week when, during a preliminary hearing, the prosecution produced two new witnesses.

William Northrop remains in jail, bail having been refused on the grounds that his supposed contacts in Israel would assist him in skipping from the U.S. The prosecution went so far as to maintain that Northrop was in possession of an Israeli passport. A letter from the Israeli Embassy in Washington testifying that he did not hold an Israeli passport was dismissed by the prosecution, who speculated that Northrop's "contacts" could have arranged the letter as well.

Home for Northrop for the next few months is the Metropolitan Correctional Centre in Manhattan, reputedly among the highest security prisons in the U.S. His cell-mate is, ironically, another weapons dealer, but the rest of his companions are "murderers, drug dealers and rapists," in the words of his wife.

Paulina visits him three times a week, waiting outside for about four hours each time before she is admitted to see him.

The trial of William Northrop, Avraham Bar-Am, the Eisenbergs father and son, and their 13 other co-accused — Americans, West Germans, Britons and a Greek — is scheduled to open in late November.

If Northrop's letter and the attitude to date of the prosecutor are anything to go by, Israel will also be in the dock — accused by the prosecution of complicity in the attempt to sell weapons to Iran.

Laughing it off/A. K. Leffler

A view of Israel from San Diego

Correspondent

Dear Friends: We have just returned from a trip to Israel and know you have many questions you can't wait to ask us. For example:

DID YOU encounter terrorism? Yes! It lurked behind the wheel of every vehicle in that rare form called "the Israeli driver." Their tactics included removing their hands from the steering wheel while driving at speeds that broke the sound barrier, and simultaneously using both hands to make obscene gestures at other motorists whilst shouting impenetrable words. Rumour has it that their training camps are located along the California freeways.

DID YOU expect to be attacked by terrorists at the airport?

Not really. Israelis are not allowed to drive within the terminal building. The other variety of terrorism would have required turning swords into ploughshares to infiltrate Ben-Gurion airport security, which was outstanding.

WHERE DID you have your best restaurant meals?

One of the best was at the YMCA in Jerusalem.

WHERE DID you have your worst restaurant meal?

At a 5-star hotel in Jerusalem. Our half-cooked duckling almost waded off the plate. It also was our most expensive meal.

WHAT HOLIDAYS do the Israelis celebrate?

What holidays are not celebrated by the Israelis? Technically, religious holidays begin at sunset on the day preceding the official holiday. In practice, they begin many hours ear-

lier — when everything closes. The Knesset is particularly astute about observing this custom — possibly using the U.S. Congress as its model.

WITH ALL those holidays, how did the Israelis accomplish so much in only 38 years?

I don't know. But they surely did. They created an oasis in the desert while maintaining respect for the past, generating enthusiasm for the present, and sustaining hope for the future. But desecrating when it all got done is difficult to discern. Allegedly, when Ben-Gurion was prime minister, someone suggested to him the possibility of a five-day work-week in Israel. "A good idea," he reportedly said. "We could begin by working one day, and then two days, and eventually..."

WHAT DOES Israel lack?

American tourists at this time, and drug addicts and alcoholics at all times. The Americans are missed, but the drugs and alcohol are not. In Israel, coke really means "Coca Cola." Although there is no minimum drinking age law, the hundreds of young people who regularly frequent the outdoor cafes in such places as Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda Mall typically consume soft drinks and ice cream. For stimulation, young men must rely on the continuous parade of pretty young women. Israeli men tend to overdose on this addiction. Some Israeli women don't mind at all.

WERE THERE any unforgettable moments in the trip?

Many, including the Israeli soldier returning home for the Sabbath, with an automatic rifle slung over his right shoulder, and a bouquet of flowers in his left hand.

THERE IS an old Jewish tradition that all the best things in life are reserved for the kiddies. Recently, as I indicated in a previous review, circumstances entirely within my control have resulted in my watching several programmes presented by Educational Television for the children during the day. I am finding that these contain some local products that are superior to many of the entertainments presented at night for adults.

One such programme is *This is It*, which must be one of the best shows made in this country. It moves at great pace and with considerable brio. Presumably it is intended for the young from the ages of eight upwards; but personally, I think this week's show, *In the Chains*, should be shown on prime time for people of all ages. It provided typical Israeli comedy at its witziest.

The main item was an Israeli adaptation of Oscar Wilde's idea in *The Canterville Ghost*. In that rollicking story, a haunted house is taken over by an extremely practical and down-to-earth American family, who proceed to make the poor ghost's life — or, rather, death — an absolute misery. Instead of his frightening them out of their wits, they terrify him out of his. The twins play practical jokes on him. The adults give him sensible advice on how to have a good day, or, rather, night.

This is It lifted many of Wilde's ideas shamelessly and cheerfully. And why not? There is no reason why we should not raid the classics: Shakespeare was the most unscrupulous of plagiarists. The trick is to apply the material to one's own milieu. *This is It* succeeded admirably in doing so.

A malevolent and horribly repellent genie emerges from the cellar and attempts to drive a very robust *sabra* couple, an Israeli officer acted by Gidi Gov and his wife Rochele, acted by Manne Moshanov, dressed like a pantomime dame, to suicide or premature old age by producing all the horrors of which he is capable. These include rattling chains, screams, moans, groans, smoke, and horrible contortions of his ghastly countenance in all its malicious ugliness.

All these ill-intentioned efforts misfire completely; they only excite a considerable amount of derision from Gidi, pity from Rochele, and a lot of practical advice.

Like all conscientious spectators, the



Gidi Gov



Rivka Michaeli

genie is a night worker. In order to stop him prowling around and disturbing Rochele, Gidi puts sheets over some furniture to look like ghosts and makes appropriate noises, thus frightening the genie nearly to life. Rochele's more humane solution is to give him some sleeping pills.

Eventually, Rochele helps the genie to clean up his cellar, which they convert into a typical Israeli middle-class salon, and the three of them settle down to converse politely over tea and biscuits. Gidi is impressed by the genie at last, when he recalls that he was present at the battle of Jericho. His main memory of the event is that the trumpets made an awful noise.

IN ANOTHER item on the programme, Rivka Michaeli has a great time running one of those family programmes in which members of the public phone in their problems. This time the great question is: "At what stage should milk be added to tea? Immediately after boiling or just before drinking?"

The conclusion which she comes to is that it should be immediately after boiling, so that the heat loss will start at once, while, if the milk is only

added when the tea is about to be drunk, the tea will be too cold.

There seemed to be vital omissions in her advice. She did not tell her young audience the first principle I learned in physics: water is a bad conductor of heat, so you have to stir thoroughly to spread the heat evenly. Furthermore, if hot milk is used, the time when it is added is academic.

I have quoted the programme at length for the benefit of those TV addicts who waste their days working instead of viewing. But I repeat that it should be shown on prime time. A good night for it would be Saturday: I still get complaints from Orthodox friends that the best programmes are reserved for Friday nights, and the worst for Saturdays. A programme like this would cheer them up immensely.

IT WAS a very good idea for Ram Evron to interview, on *This is the Time*, the girl soldier who escaped from the hijacked Ashkelon bus. The General Security Service affair that resulted from the murder of the two terrorists has so polarized the nation that we are tending to lose sight of the fact that human beings as well as principles were involved.

Here, we identified with a hostage; it would be a good idea for Evron to interview members of the family of the terrorists.

The soldier described very sensitively, and with restrained passion, her reactions when she realized suddenly that the bus had been taken over by terrorists. The atmosphere in the bus relaxed considerably when the terrorists allowed the Israeli authorities to send in food, drink and blankets. The hostages thought their release would come through negotiations. Then came the sudden storming of the bus by the Israeli troops, and the terror that ensued among the hostages; she managed to get out of the bus.

Evron handled her beautifully. He is at his best when he has to deal with shy people who need to be gentled along before they talk freely about deep emotions. Incidentally, she told us that she had managed to rid herself of the trauma by writing poetry; it was a pity that she did not read some of it to us.

MY BOX was assailed by anti-monarchical, nihilistic gremlins the minute that Israel's long-delayed, recorded coverage of the royal wedding began. I managed to send an

SOS to a friend to get it down on a video cassette, and, by the next day my private genie, Alex, had rallied around and fixed my set. So I settled down to enjoy a long-delayed treat.

Alas, it was woefully inadequate, like a goulash made from yesterday's roast. I must say, however, that I think Israel Television did a very poor job. (Incidentally, Jordan was just as bad.) All over the world, people of all races, creeds and political faiths, communists and socialists as well as aristocrats and royalists, were joining with the British in vicarious celebrations of the royal nuptials.

I know we Israelis have to make do with a mere president — if I had my way we would have a monarch, like all sensible people, and I know who that king would be — but that is no reason why we could not join Bonnie Prince Andy and his Fergie, on their great occasion. We share so many of the world's miseries and disasters; why not join in some fun?

The British may not be able to win the World Cup or Wimbledon or a cricket Test, despite the fact that they invented the sports concerned, but they are still one up on all the rest of the world when it comes to ceremonial occasions. They know the value of blue blood. We owe so much to British traditions that we should have shared their wedding, faster and to a greater extent.

THE NEW comedy series, *Who's the Boss*, was very funny this week, so I am filled with perhaps mistaken optimism about the future. The problem with any comedy series is that it is hard for the script-writers to think up variations on a theme, however excellent, that will hold up for week after week after week.

Still, a good start is a good start. The theme of *No Place Like Home* was awful in the first place, and every week it gets less and less amusing that the unspeakable father wants so badly to get rid of his unspeakable children.

A chivalrous knight, *Magnum P.I.*, was described correctly by a maiden from Iowa as having the kindest eyes she had ever seen. That kindness is ruining him; he keeps taking on jobs for which he is very inadequately paid, although he is covered with bills like the Mediterranean around Haifa is covered with medusae. He should get Higgins to take over the management of his finances.

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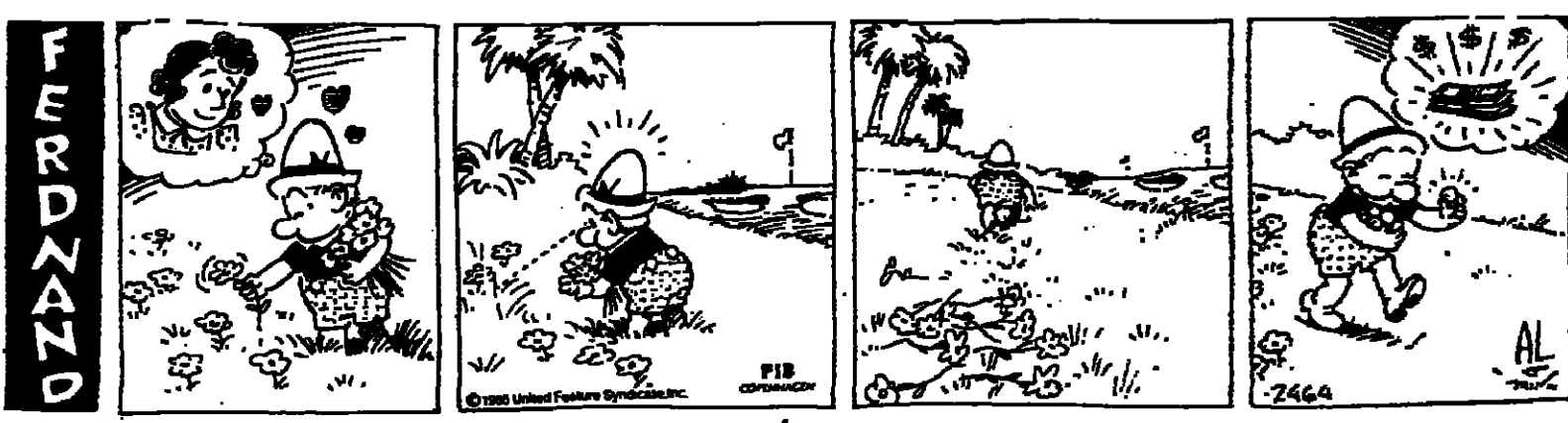
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Some of our readers are sending contributions to the funds in lieu of gifts. This week we received a number of cheques for the Forsake Me Not in honour of Jack Goldstone's 60th birthday. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr. Goldstone a happy birthday - till 120.

The Bridge Party 12, Jerusalem, just sent in their 31st contribution to Forsake Me Not.

A large number of contributors to the funds are themselves pensioners, who live on a limited income, but feel they want to share what little they have with those who are less fortunate.

It was heartening to receive contributions for both funds from the residents of the Dobson Plaza Nursing Home in Evanston, Illinois, along with the following message:

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U.S. defence experts: Air superiority key to Israel's survival

By YA'ACOV LAM DAN

A study published in the Swiss military and defence journal *International Defence* says that if Israel launched a surprise attack on Syria, it would destroy 80 per cent of its ground, air and sea forces in eight to 10 days. Israel's losses would be about 1,000 men according to the journal.

The study, written by U.S. defence experts and published in the journal's latest issue, is devoted to the military balance in the Middle East.

It says that Israel can withstand an attack by Arab states as long as it can assure its air superiority. It adds that Israel has thus far succeeded in maintaining its advantage because its combat aircraft are of superior quality and better armed, and because its military tactics are superior to those of the Arab countries.

The only serious, long-range threat to Israel, according to the journal, would arise if the Arab states obtained long-range missiles capable of being fired in a surprise attack. A short-term threat is a surprise chemical weapons attack on Israel's six military airfields. In such an event, Israel would respond with its nuclear weaponry, the study says.

The journal reveals that Israel has 614 fighter planes, with 475 ready for immediate action.

Israel also has an edge in the most

important ground forces, the armoured and engineering corps, according to the journal. It claims the Arab armoured units are less effective than the Israeli ones because most of the Arab armour is Soviet-made and not adapted to operational conditions in the Middle East.

The journal cites two major factors which have helped Israel gain military superiority in the '80s - the Camp David agreement, which demilitarized the Sinai and the Iran-Iraq war.

"The Iraqis cannot at present deploy forces against Israel, but their battle experience gained in the last five years, and the development of their military units will have great influence on the military balance in the area when their war with the Iraqis comes to an end," the journal maintains.

The experts also investigated the chances of a surprise Syrian-Jordanian attack on Israel, in light of the recent rapprochement between the two countries. They wrote that if such an attack were launched, both Arab states would succeed in capturing the Golan Heights and the West Bank in 36 hours, but their inability to destroy the Israeli Air Force on the ground would enable Israel to counterattack and recapture the areas within five days.

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Conspiracies against Israel

AS TIME was drawing near for Moses to bring his long adventure-filled career to an end, he received one of his last assignments: "The Lord said to Moses, mete out the vengeance of the children of Israel upon the Midianites. After that you will be gathered to your people." (Numbers 31:1-2). Moses cannot die yet, as there is still an unsettled account to be taken care of. Were the Midianites to get away unpunished for the awful evil they brought upon Israel (ibid., 25:1-19), it would encourage all other enemies which Israel would encounter, as it was about to enter the Promised Land.

Rabbinic reading sees the two parts of the above verse as closely tied together. The assignment to fight the Midianites and the death of Moses go together. Moses would surely die as soon as he carried out God's order to take care of the unfinished business. This throws the aged leader into an acute personal dilemma: should he, as he would do always, rush to carry out the order, or shall he try to stall as long as possible and thereby postpone his imminent death?

Moses wastes no time. Upon receipt of the order he immediately puts it into action. Thus, "The Lord said to Moses..." is followed instantly with "And Moses said to the people, arm some of your men to go to war against the Midianites to carry out the Lord's vengeance on them" (verse 3). No time is lost. No personal vested interest would deter the fulfillment of the Lord's order. Rashi, the greatest of all Tora commentators (1040-1105), sensing the tempo and the spirit of the text, adds here that not only did Moses do away with his personal interest to gain time for his life, but that he acted the way he acted with great personal joy, celebrating the fact that he is able to put the fulfillment of the word of God above his own wants.

THERE IS however a remarkable change introduced by Moses as he passes on the order of the Lord to the people of Israel. While God ordered Moses to mete out the "vengeance of the children of Israel" upon the



PLO leader Yasser Arafat meets the Pope, a "picture that will long remain in the memory."

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Midianites, Moses changes it to the "vengeance of the Lord." This could of course be understood as the vengeance ordered by the Lord, but the classic rabbis in the Midrash (Num. Rabba 22, 1), did not understand it this way.

They saw in this change an important message representing the inseparable connectedness and mutual caring between God and Israel. God orders that vengeance be taken because Israel was hurt. Moses orders the vengeance because it was God who was, so to speak, hurt by the evil act of the Midianites.

The idea that the enemies of Israel, the people of God, are *ipso facto* the enemies of the Lord and vice versa, recurs many times in Scripture. Numbers 10:35: "And when the ark was set out, Moses would say, Advance, O Lord! May your enemies be scattered, and may your foes flee from you!" Does the Lord have enemies? The answer is:

The enemies of Israel are the enemies of the Lord.

Nowhere is this sentiment expressed with more poignancy than in the words of the Psalmist (83): "O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still! See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear their heads. With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. Come, they say, let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more. With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you - the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the descendants of Hagar, Gilead, Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the people of Tyre... Do to them as you did to the people of Midian."

Conspiring against Israel, any attempt to destroy them as a nation - is an open fight against God himself. I shall never forget the intense power of this psalm when read in front of

3,000 people in Buenos Aires on Rosh Hashana 5784, a few days after Arafat and the pope had met in Rome. The photograph of that meeting which appeared in newspapers and on TV screens all over the world will not be blotted out from the memory of humans as long as there are people reading this psalm, which equates conspiracy against Israel with conspiring against God Himself. The psalm ends in wishing the conspirators that they "may ever be ashamed and dismayed".

THE CASE of the war against Midian is cited by the Psalmist as this was an unusual war, nothing like all other wars mentioned in the Bible. Its purpose was neither conquest nor defence; it was not fought for any immediate goal as with most wars. Its purpose was "vengeance", or rather "retribution" for something which took place in the past. A war of this kind comes not only to redress a hurt, whether that of God or that of his people, which still pains, but to warn any future conspirators against Israel, that God is involved in their lot. Moses himself, and not one of his more skilled military experts, is ordered to settle this account before he is "gathered unto his people".

Moses did not hesitate for one moment to risk his own life because he knew that as long as there is a people in Israel - he too would live on. This depiction of death as being "gathered unto one's people," which is applied in the case of many other biblical heroes (Abraham - Genesis 25:8; Isaac - ibid. 35:29; Jacob - ibid. 49:33) is perhaps the secret key to the understanding of the meaning of death in Jewish thought. A person does not die and vanish altogether from this world inasmuch as he has a share in the life of the eternal people of Israel. When one dies, his individual existence ceases, but his life still goes on as part of his people unto whom "he was gathered."

The Tora portion for this week is *Maot-Masei* (Number 30:2 to the end).

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Why monopolies are inevitable

By DAVID KRIVINE

IN AMERICA, monopolies and cartels are banned. In Israel they are sometimes allowed, provided they behave themselves. Banning them outright is not practical in a small country.

Three companies in Israel make soup: Osem, Vita and Telma. They compete in packaging, advertising and the credit terms they offer; but they do not compete in price. How can they? If one of them charged less, the others would have to follow suit or go bust.

The two mid-morning papers always cost the same; if one puts up its price so does the other. Interest rates at the banks (of which three possess 85 per cent of the market) do not differ noticeably.

In America hundreds of banks, hundreds of newspapers and hundreds of soup factories are spread over a continent-sized country. They mostly do not know of each other's existence. The U.S. antitrust law works, it does not impede economic development.

But in Israel it could. In certain areas companies have to be large in order to lower production costs. An optimum-sized cement plant can supply all the cement Israel needs; and one is in fact doing so. There used to be two cement companies, Nesher and Shimshon, but Nesher bought out Shimshon.

Nesher is not the only firm to have grown and grown until it found itself a monopoly. Notable emulators are Elite (instant coffee and chocolate) which took over De-De and Lieber; Osem (flour products) which took over Froumine; Dubeck (tobacco) which took over Ascot, Lod and others.

Says Ze'ev Galmor, Controller of Restrictive Practices in the Ministry of Industry and Trade: "We can't require that there be several cement factories in Israel if only one is needed."

"What can and should be prevented is the creation of monopolies that are not beneficial to the economy. In order to acquire the necessary powers to ensure this we have produced a bill now under discussion in the Knesset which will allow for the control of mergers."

"Any company wanting to take over another company or to merge with it will have, under this bill, to apply to us for permission. It will only be denied if there is a good reason."

"I wish that the proposed law had been passed long ago, for we could have stopped unhealthy situations from developing. Tempo, for example, produces soft drinks but it has also bought up all the country's beer manufacturing facilities."

"This gives them powers of black-

mail which need watching. In theory, Tempo could withhold beer from shops until they cease ordering soft beverages from Tempo's rivals."

Six companies make elevators and they are not a cartel, yet monopoly situations have developed within the branch which caught the Controller's attention. "Once a lift is installed the owners depend for service and the supply of spares on the original manufacturer. He will not sell spares to outside repair companies, hugging the repair work to himself."

"This is not permissible. The Restrictive Practices Council issued an order requiring lift manufacturers to make spares available to all buyers. It also fixed the maximum mark-up that can be charged the end customer."

THE RESTRICTIVE Trade Practices Law of 1959 allows the government to authorize a cartel provided its existence benefits the economy.

"The situation is a difficult one," Galmor admits. "Supposing 60 or 70 companies make a certain item, as in America, they will compete - we don't have to worry about it. But if the total number of producers is only three or four, then there is a problem. They will not undercut each other and we can't make them."

"What we can do is fix the prices they are entitled to charge. We also on occasion require supervision of their quality control by the Standards Institution."

The Restrictive Practices Council has the authority to issue such orders. It is a public body currently headed by a former Supreme Court judge, David Behor, and has the power of a District Court.

It deals with all cases needing attention, except those covered by separate legislation. Giant monopolies exist in the public sector - the bus cooperatives, El Al, the telephone service, the Israel Electric Corporation and others. Each is subject to its own laws; even the banks are supervised by the Examiner of Banks.

"These separate laws of course do not cover everything, and there are cases where we still have to come in," says Galmor. "Insurance is dealt with under the Insurance Law, but the companies made an agreement among themselves to refrain from giving discriminatory reductions, notably to big clients. That agreement looked to us like a restrictive practice."

"We took the matter up. The Council pronounced that reductions can be given, so long as they do not exceed a reasonable amount, generally 20 per cent. The insurance com-

panies are not pleased with this verdict; what they would like is a ban on all discounts.

"They have even gone the whole hog: they are ready to waive the right to fix their own prices. They prefer that the authorities take over and fix tariffs on their behalf. Then none of the insurance companies can give rebates - and at the same time they cannot be accused of acting as a cartel."

Hitting the headlines recently was the dispute between the Maccabi Health Fund and the Pharmacists' Association. "Maccabi had been compelled to negotiate with the association as a whole. It was fed up with that and wanted the normal privilege of doing business with each pharmacy separately."

"It also demanded the right to open its own pharmacies where necessary, something the association would not allow. The case came before the Council, which upheld Maccabi's right to deal with each pharmacy individually, and to open its own pharmacies if it so wished."

"However, the Council rejected Maccabi's attempt to appoint particular pharmacies as monopoly suppliers to Maccabi patients in a whole area. Any chemist prepared to sell medicaments according to Maccabi's specifications should be entitled to do so."

IMPORTS can help break a monopoly by introducing foreign products into the market, says Galmor. He therefore welcomes the trade liberalization programme, including the free-trade treaties concluded with the Common Market and the U.S. "They are good not only for Israel's exports," he observes, "but for the domestic economy as well."

But they do not solve all problems. First of all, services are immune from competition because they cannot be imported. Secondly, many goods enjoy what is called natural protection.

Cement is a bulk product, expensive to transport over long distances. Imported cement would be too expensive to threaten the local manufacturer, thus giving local industry a natural (not tariff) protection.

"The same applies to beer which, after all, is mostly water, a low-cost substance expensive to ship over the ocean. Imported beer is a rarity; the local brew accounts for over 90 per cent of sales," notes Galmor.

Chocolate is not a bulk product yet the imported varieties are more expensive than those made here. The cause used to be protective duties, but that is no longer the case now that tariff barriers are being dismantled.

"You will be surprised to learn," Galmor said, "that locally-manufactured chocolate, though a monopoly, is produced at a lower cost than the celebrated foreign brands. Moreover the quality is comparable, so the public is not tempted by the possibly more glamorous but certainly dearer boxes and bars from abroad."

THERE ARE 25-30 approved cartels in Israel according to Galmor's reckoning, and over a hundred monopolies. Both categories are closely regulated. "In some cases we have instituted public complaint committees for each different product - one for the plywood cartel and one for the formica cartel, for example."

"If a furniture manufacturer feels he is getting a raw deal from the plywood producers he will direct his complaint to the committee."

Economists point out that monopolies tend to charge a moderate price so as to increase their turnover. "That applies," says Galmor, "to those branches where there is a great elasticity of demand."

"But this elasticity does not always exist, especially for basic commodities. People will buy the same quantity of salt however much it costs. Cartels are thus more dangerous when the conspirators are companies manufacturing standard articles like that."

"The demand for luxury goods is more flexible. People will buy a car if they can afford it and will do without one if it is too expensive. As it happens, different makes of cars are available in Israel because they are all imported. We are too small a market to support even a single monopolistic car manufacturer."

"The demand for household durables should also be elastic," Galmor adds. Mind you, we have a cartel situation in refrigerators made up of two companies, Amcor and Tadiran. Logically speaking, holding down their prices should maximize sales.

"But we don't depend on their discretion; we fix the prices ourselves - just to make sure."

Marsha Pomerantz on next week's chamber music festival up north

Making music for their supper

ON STAGE at the auditorium of Kibbutz Kfar Blum, in Upper Galilee, a rehearsal is in progress: British composer Maxwell Davies' *Eight Songs for a Mad King* for six instruments and voice. Baritone Michael Rippon has performed the work before, and is acting as adviser.

"Faster or louder?" asks conductor Doron Salomon.

"Both, actually," says Rippon.

"Crash, crash!" They have another try, and Rippon is pleased: "Lovely... But when it starts to go off, can it be not quite so regular? It just didn't sound wrong enough."

Presumably, by next week they will have it wrong enough to delight any mad king, and right enough to satisfy the many sane music-lovers who are flocking north for the "Upper Galilee Chamber Music Days" from August 3 through 9. It's the second such annual event - which, by Israeli standards, is enough to



Rehearsal time.

make it a tradition. Particularly given the determination of its organizers.

The initiator and musical director is Idit Zvi, a pianist who edits music programmes for Kol Yisrael. "After working for the radio," she says, "there's nothing better than turning programming into real people."

She thought of the repertoire first, then what instruments were necessary, and then appealed to musicians she knew and respected. The greatest problem was finding the dates when enough of them could

come, between tours and vacations.

She sold the idea to the Upper Galilee Regional Council, which represents all the kibbutzim in the area and one moshav. The council, under chairman Avraham Broshi, was brave though sceptical, and the waver worked. The project is now a joint venture of the Israel Broadcasting Authority - producers Zvi and Liora Shoval - and the Regional Council, represented by Ya'acov Schneider and Tibi Porat. The concerts will be broadcast live each evening on the Voice of Music.

THE BUDGET is about \$60,000, which is very low for such a production; if the concerts are sold out, which is likely, the box-office intake will cover half the expenses. Other help comes from the Education Ministry's Public Council for Culture and Art, the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, El Al, the British Council, the Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz*, *Omanut La'am* (Arts for the People), and the Jewish Agency.

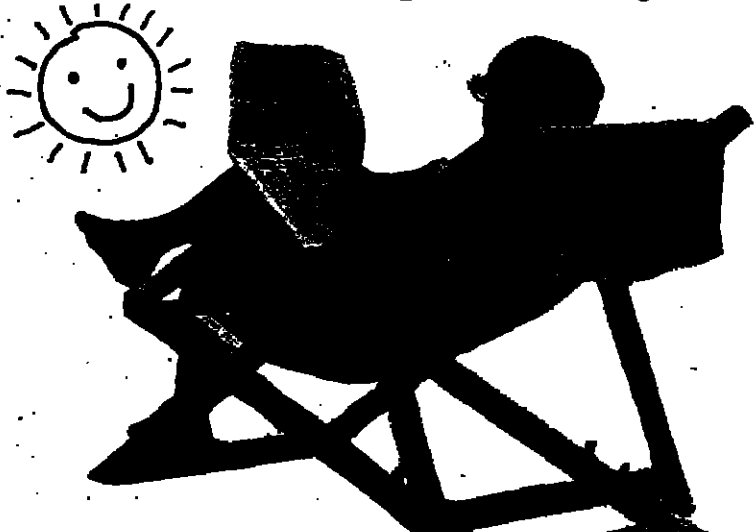
The 31 participating musicians get no pay for their work, which includes a week of closed rehearsals, then a week of open rehearsals and performances - but they and their families get free room and board in the Kfar Blum guest-house. They work intensively and seem to love it; they're always asking for more rehearsal space. According to Zvi, the fact that the concerts are broadcast live elicits top performances, and Schneider says the concerts in the north have nurtured both audiences and potential musicians. In Kfar Blum alone, parents say at least two children took up instruments because of last year's concerts.

THE CHAMBER music events this year have brought four foreign musicians to Israel, and provided a kind of home leave for another four or five of the many Israeli musicians who live and work abroad.

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MARKET PLACE

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Gaining currency

Technical shmechnical. That must be the investor's reaction to the Bank of Israel's decision to henceforth peg the Israeli shekel to a basket of currencies instead of the U.S. dollar alone. The implications could be far-reaching and deserve to be considered carefully.

First, of what the central bank termed the "technical measure" of linking the shekel to the Deutschmark (20 per cent), pound sterling (10 per cent), French franc (5 per cent) and yen (5 per cent), as well as to the dollar, is a reflection of the international realities that have emerged over the last year.

Despite the free trade area agreement with the U.S., the remorseless rise of the major currencies against the dollar makes exporting to other countries very profitable. At the same time, however, importing Subarus, German machine tools and so forth, from these same countries is becoming a very expensive business.

This latter development is the rationale behind the move to the basket. These imports are partially responsible for the current inflation of 1.5-2 per cent a month. But that is just the macroeconomic reason for the central bank's "technical measure."

Between you, me and the lamp-post—that is, people in the street—there is more to it than that. The dollar is widely predicted, by all the savants in the international markets, to fall further, possibly much further. The main beneficiaries are expected to be the mark and the yen, with the franc also gaining and the pound sterling remaining the joker in the deck, because of declining oil prices.

Some people, including Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker, are openly voicing fears that there could be a run on the dollar in the coming months, if the U.S. trade deficit is not corrected and the budget deficit is not forcefully dealt with.

But even the "optimists," who discount a free fall, are talking about the dollar going below the two-mark level and the yen continuing to 130 compared with 153 today. Others foresee the dollar falling to 1.80 marks and to 110-120 yen, with starting at 1.60 or more—even though that currency will continue to fall against the yen.

If any or all of this happens, the Israeli shekel will strengthen against the dollar.

The gain may not be large: a 10 per cent fall in the dollar's rate against the mark and yen, and less against the franc and pound, would push the shekel up by 3-4 per cent against the U.S. currency. That means around NIS 1.49 to the dollar, compared with NIS 1.49.

The disinflationary world of low percentage points is a lot of deposit now brings in at per cent annually, and can per cent at Bank Leumi. A deposit gets about 6 per cent in a year.

As another six months of stability would result in 7.5-12 per cent shekel interest, 3 per cent dollar interest and the strong possibility that all of that would be lost by the dollar's fall. It doesn't make a good case for investing in dollars or dollar-linked investments.

And who would now say that stability won't last another six months? The fact that the basic economic indicators have not improved, for months does not rule it out, while the ongoing collapse of oil prices and the fall in interest rates and in the dollar—the factors that have brought us so far—are still very much in evidence.

The place to watch for a reaction is the stock market, which has been quiescent for months at between 1.58-1.60. If it falls, it will indicate that the public has received the message.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT contracts in China dropped for the first half of this year, and Western diplomats said Peking must take drastic action to win investor confidence.

Liu Xiaodong, a senior official at China's Foreign Trade Ministry, said yesterday that contracts for foreign investment fell to a value of \$1.24 billion, a drop of 20 per cent compared with the first half of 1985. The announcement follows bitter criticism from investors over high costs, bureaucratic red tape, inadequate laws and shortage of power.

Kessner tells insurers meeting

Gov't 'insincere' on wage issue

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessner yesterday attacked the government's handling of the minimum-wage issue as "insincere," and vowed that the Histadrut sector would lead the fight for higher minimum wages.

Kessner also expressed shock that senior regular army officers had raised the issue of inadequate pay. Referring to his visit on Wednesday to an armoured-unit base, Kessner said he was in favour of divorcing army pay rates from the rest of the economy, so that soldiers' salaries could rise without leading to increases in other sectors.

Speaking to the Insurance Forum of the Association of Insurance Companies, Kessner went out of his way to play down the long-term effect of the reduction in inflation during the last year. Although he called it a "miracle," he said it was only a preliminary step in the task of turning the economy around.

But, Kessner said, the government was too busy congratulating itself for its achievements and was disregarding threats to current economic stability. He argued that the government was also on the verge of throw-

ing away the opportunities presented by the fall in oil prices and emergency U.S. aid.

As the feeling of national emergency has decreased, Kessner noted that demands for higher wages, particularly from low-income sectors, had increased. He added that the instability of the government itself and the possibility that there would be early elections strongly threatened the economy. Even if elections were held on time, in late 1988, political considerations would likely outweigh economic ones as they draw nearer, he said.

Economic expansion would be a way to avoid these threats, Kessner said, though he deliberately avoided the term "growth" since it had become tarnished in the "growth crisis" that nearly brought the government down earlier this year.

The economy must not be allowed to stagnate, he said, since the labour force was growing by 400,000 persons annually. Even if emigration continued, it would still be impossible to achieve anything near full employment unless some sectors grew.

The growth should come in the production and export sectors, as the government and service sector's shrink, Kessner said. He added that

cutting the number of government employees need not be done by firing. "It would be more than enough if the government took advantage of half the normal turnover of staff," he said. "Instead, they talk of firing people while giving jobs to party supporters."

The secretary-general concentrated on labour-related issues in his projected programme. He criticized politicians who he said were very careful not to say anything that could upset the capital markets, but treated "scandalously" low wages as a purely economic matter.

"Whoever speaks of 'economics divorced from social issues' is indulging in 'irrelevance,'" he said, adding later that the government-sponsored minimum wage bill was written under false pretences.

Kessner pledged to force the government to pay its workers more than the current minimum of NIS 350 a month. Histadrut-affiliated enterprises would lead the way in setting higher minimum wages, he said.

Kessner also stressed the need to raise productivity. Although during the years of high inflation it had become impossible to measure changes in productivity, he said this was again possible and necessary.

SHEKEL

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shekel fell as well. This was because the shekel has been informally pegged at 1.5 to the dollar since the start of the economic stabilization programme in July 1985. With every decline of the dollar against European currencies and the yen, the shekel followed in tandem.

The result was that the dollar's—and hence the shekel's—purchasing power in Europe and Japan declined. That meant Israel had to pay higher prices, in shekel terms, for imported goods, fuelling inflation.

Now that the dollar is free to fluctuate against the shekel in both directions, a weaker dollar will buy fewer shekels than the 1.5 it currently buys. Conversely, each shekel will have greater purchasing power than under the old system.

The result will be much more stable prices. Some prices will rise, reflecting the higher costs in shekel terms of importing from countries with stronger currencies, while some will go down, reflecting imports from countries with weak currencies. On average, if the weights of the basket indeed reflect the structure of the economy, prices will remain stable.

The attacks launched yesterday by the Manufacturers Association, Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessner and Chamber of Commerce head Dan Gillerman were apparently not based on a full understanding of the central bank's move.

Amnon Tiberg of the Manufacturers Association said that the fact that the dollar would go down, as was widely expected, meant that exporters receiving payment in dollars would receive fewer of them, measured in shekel terms. But, in fact, the real value of those shekels would be greater. Moreover, since the shekel prices of raw materials imported from Europe would be lower, costs could in fact be reduced.

Commercial banks have rapidly adapted to the new measures. Bank Leumi announced yesterday that it was opening patiah and patam accounts linked to the new basket, which would enable depositors to protect the value of their money in shekel terms. Since the basket's shekel value will be constant, at NIS 1.5 per unit, depositors will be assured that losses due to a drop of one currency will be offset by a rise in the value of others.

In fact, however, there is one currency which is composed of exactly the same currencies as the basket, and in the exact weights—the shekel. Assuming inflation does go down to the low levels anticipated, people holding shekels will be protecting the value of their money. The shekel could become a very attractive asset, and investment in shekel assets could in the coming months be very profitable.

EAST GERMANY'S ECONOMY should continue growing by 4.4 to 4.7 per cent annually until 1990, the West German research institute, DIW, said yesterday.

A DIW report based on a study of the East German 1986-90 five-year plan said East Germany was easing back on exports to boost private consumption and investments. Investments are forecast to grow 3 per cent annually. They dropped an average of 1 per cent a year.

Dollar takes tumble on bearish economic data

Currency dealers said the dollar looked set to fall below two Deutschmarks as the ailing U.S. currency finished trading on European foreign exchange markets at levels not seen in five years.

The dollar closed in Frankfurt at 2.0920 marks, near its lowest point of the day. In London, the dollar dipped to 2.0930 marks from 2.1120, and to 153.9 yen from 154.05. The pound sterling—hit by the lack of results at the latest meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries—gained only narrowly against the dollar, to 1.4925 from 1.4915.

In Tokyo, meanwhile, intervention by the Bank of Japan failed to stem a sharp slide in the dollar to 154.15 yen from 156.20 yen on Wednesday.

The Japanese central bank spent about \$1 billion to halt the dollar's fall, but stopped its spending spree in the afternoon when the dollar

seemed to settle around the 154-yen level.

Dealers, meanwhile, attributed the sharp declines—the latest in a virtual non-stop fall that has seen the currency's value drop by one-third against the mark since last September—to a number of factors.

Fresh economic data from the U.S. was the first. Factory orders in the U.S. declined 0.5 per cent, the Commerce Department said. The day before, it had reported a \$14.17b. trade deficit in June.

On top of that, Secretary of State George Shultz said Wednesday there was room for further declines on the dollar.

Dealers were not too sanguine about the dollar's outlook, although some said the decline might slow. "The dollar is far too strong, and I see it heading below two marks very soon," said one dealer who works for a U.S. bank. (Reuter, AP)

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Non-Bank Index	132.22 -0.73%
Arrangement	105.67 -0.80%
Insurance	145.20 -1.67%
Commerce, Services	152.85 -0.67%
Real Estate	163.46 -0.62%
Industrial	122.67 -0.58%
Textiles	145.58 -0.38%
Metals	116.49 -0.54%
Electronics	91.28 -0.32%
Chemicals	123.30 -2.41%
Industrial Invest.	115.53 -1.26%
Investment Cos.	35.10 -0.85%
General Bond Index	110.71 -0.11%
Index-linked Bonds	111.51 -0.00%
Fully-linked	113.07 -0.06%
Partially-linked	110.55 -0.07%
Dollar-linked Bonds	98.12 -0.26%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	109.38 -0.14%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	106.88 -0.19%
Long-term 5+ yrs	106.55 -0.03%

Turnovers:

Shares—total	NIS 7,489,000
Arrangement	NIS 2,373,000
Non-bank	NIS 5,116,000
Bonds—total	NIS 6,033,600
Index-linked	NIS 3,048,300
Dollar-linked	NIS 2,987,300
Treasury Bills	NIS 5,648,300

Share Movements:

Advances	118 (136)
of which 5%+	9 (7)
"buyers only"	125 (114)
Declines	125 (114)
of which 5%+	19 (17)
"sellers only"	5 (4)
Unchanged	117 (115)
Trading Halt	61 (56)

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	3% fully-linked	Stable/rises to 1%
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Algeria's oil minister, Belkacem Nabi, points to a newspaper article while talking to reporters after yesterday's Opec meeting in Geneva. (Reuter)

'4 non-Opec nations may cut output'

GENEVA (Reuter). — Non-Opec producers have agreed to cut back their output by between 200,000 and 400,000 barrels per day, but only if members of the cartel agree to reduce their output by 2.5 million barrels, sources at the Opec conference there said yesterday.

Members of the 13-nation organization had agreed yesterday to cut soaring oil production by almost two million barrels a day in a bid to halt tumbling world prices. They also agreed to set up a committee to try to set new quotas within the organization, which could bring even bigger supply cuts.

Sources said the four non-member countries to agree to the provisional pledges to cut production were Malaysia, Oman, Egypt and Mexico. Norway may also join in the agreement they said, but Britain, the biggest North Sea producer with daily output of around 2.2 million barrels a day, has said it will not try to control production levels.

Analysts said Opec cuts must total well over two million barrels a day to influence prices.

FINANCIAL DATA: ISRAEL, EUROPE, U.S.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS July 31, 1986

SHEKEL INTEREST RATES
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	Last Updated	7-17%	8-14%	8-15.50%	8-16%	10-19%
LEUMI	31.7	7.7	8.14%	8-15.50%	8-16%	10-19%
Hapoalim	30.7	7.7	8-15.50%	8-16%	10-19%	6-17%
DISCOUNT	30.7	7.7	8-15.50%	8-16%	10-19%	6-17%
MIZRAHI	8.5	8.5	8-15.50%	8-16%	10-19%	6-17%
FIRST INT'L	23.7	23.7	8-15.50%	8-16%	10-19%	6-17%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
Tapas: demand deposit paying daily interest.
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

PATAM — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of July 31)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	6.000	6.000	6.125
STG	9.000	8.875	9.000
DMK	4.000	4.000	4.125
SFR	4.250	4.125	4.125
YEN	3.250	3.125	3.125

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	BUY	SELL	BANKNOTES	BUY	SELL	Rep. Rates
U.S. Dollar	1.4877	1.5063	1.46	1.53	1.4967	
U.K. Sterling	2.2152	2.2428	2.17	2.27	2.2308	
Deutsche Mark	1.3708	1.3787	1.37	1.38	1.3758	
French Franc	0.2185	0.2213	0.21	0.22	0.2200	
Dutch Florin	0.6292	0.6370	0.62	0.65	0.6331	
Swiss Franc	0.8840	0.8950	0.87	0.91	0.8894	
Swedish Krone	0.2134	0.2160	0.21	0.22	0.2147	
Norwegian Krone	0.2008	0.2033	0.20	0.21	0.2021	
Danish Krone	0.1882	0.1906	0.18	0.19	0.1895	
Finnish Mark	0.2973	0.3010	0.29	0.31	0.2994	
Canadian Dollar	1.0773	1.0907	1.06	1.11	1.0840	
Austr. Dollar	0.5874	0.5985	0.58	0.60	0.5896	
S. Africa Rand	0.5772	0.5844	0.41	0.45	0.5830	
Belgian Franc	0.3402	0.3445	0.33	0.35	0.3448	
Austrian Sch.	1.0072	1.0198	0.99	1.04	1.0145	
Italian Lira	0.0328	0.0347	0.01	0.07	0.0390	
Japanese Yen	0.0067	0.0078	0.00	0.09	0.0722	
Jordanian Dinar	1	1	0.27	0.34	0.2581	
Egyptian Pound	1	1	0.79	0.84	0.8232	
ECU	1.4998	1.5184	1	1	1.5096	

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EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS

PRECIOUS METALS

GOLD:	LONDON A.M. FIX	357.75	P.M. FIX	357.50
	PARIS NOON FIX	359.48	ZURICH P.M.	359.00
SILVER:	LONDON FIX	50.50		
PLATINUM:	LONDON P.M.	456.00		
PALLADIUM:	LONDON P.M.	113.25		

FOREIGN CURRENCY CROSS RATES (London 15.30GMT)

	SPOT	2 MTHS	3 MTHS	6 MTHS
DEUTSCHE MARK	2.0915/25	69/63	57/52	189/178
POUND STERLING	1.4920/30	94/82	123/121	249/235
SWISS FRANC	1.6810/25	50/45	70/65	150/140
JAPANESE YEN	153.85/95	52/50	79/73	152/148
FRENCH FRANC	6.7872/25	30/45	45/45	80/70
ITALIAN LIRA	1443.00/75	1175/1250	1750/1850	3500/3650
DUTCH GULDEN	2.3585/95	38/34	57/53	116/110
BELGIAN FRANC	43.270/250	57	75/10.5	17/22
DANISH KRONER	7.8865/90	200/250	350/400	775/875
S. AFRICAN RAND	0.3300/10	36/31	48/43	80/70
EUROPEAN CURRENCY UNIT	1.0112/17	16/12	24/20	39/33
FINNISH MARK	4.9510/30	500/540	710/760	1350/1450
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	0.5960/67	86/83	123/118	213/207
NORWEGIAN KRONER	7.3975/25	1020/1040	1505/1525	3000/3040

Formula for determining forward rates:
high/low (eg. 220/210) — deduct from spot price.
low/high (eg. 210/220) — add to spot price.

U.S. MONEY RATES

Prime rate 8.00%; Broker Loan 7.50%; NY Euros 3 months 6 1/2-%; Fed Funds late 6 1/4%

NEW YORK FOREIGN EXCHANGE

	DMK	SFR	STG	YEN	CAN
PREVIOUS CLOSING	2.1120/30	1.6945/60	1.4905/15	155.55/65	1.3822/27
OPENING	2.1120/30	1.6945/60	1.4905/15	155.55/65	1.3800/05
LATEST	2.0875/85	1.6880/90	1.4830/40	153.55/65	1.3785/90

Comment
The dollar eased further after the close of the Chicago futures markets. More signs of a slack U.S. economy provided by yesterday's 0.3 per cent drop in June factory orders and Wednesday's large trade deficit for June dampened sentiment as did Secretary of State Shultz's remark that there is room for more dollar declines.

ISRAELI STOCKS

TRADED IN NEW YORK:

	Last	Prev. Close	High	Low	Vol ('00s)
Alliance	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	1
Am. Isr. Pap.	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	72
Am. Isr. Tel.	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	124
Elect. Ind.	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	32
Etz Leumi	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	7
Laser Ind.	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	144

Over the counter

	last	bid	ask	last	bid	ask
Bank Leumi	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	Interpharm	5	5 1/2
Elbit	7	7	7	Optrotech	5	5 1/2
ECI Tel.	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	Reda	5	5 1/2
Elron	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	Scitech	5 1/2	5 1/2
Fibronics	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	Taro-vit	3 1/2	3 1/2
IDB Bank	54	54	54	Tevapharm	3 1/2	3 1/2
IS	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	SPI	2 1/4	2 1/4

